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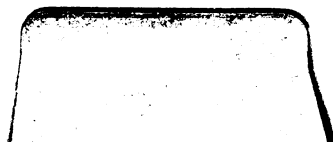
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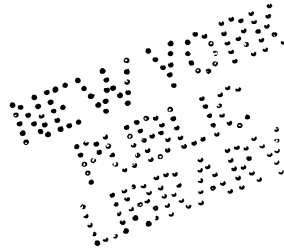
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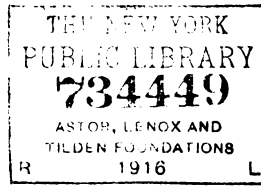
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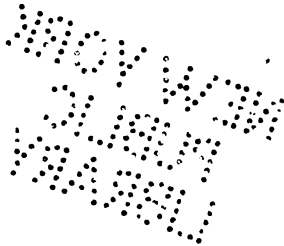
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## INTRODUCTION

### DATE

*As You Like It* was first entered in the Stationers' Register on August 4, 1600, together with *Much Ado*, *Henry V*, and Ben Jonson's *Every Man in his Humour*. To all of them the curious note 'to be stayed' was attached, and it is difficult to understand the reason for this: three of these plays were printed within a few months of this entry, but *As You Like It* made its first appearance in the Folio of 1623. The entry, however, forms a later limit for the composition of *As You Like It*, while an earlier limit is suggested by the fact that it is not mentioned by Meres in his famous enumeration of Shakespeare's works in his *Palladis Tamia* of 1598. There are many passages in the play which have been thought to bear a topical significance: of these the most important is the famous allusion to Marlowe,

'Dead shepherd, now I find thy saw of might  
Whoever loved that loved not at first sight,'

in the fifth scene of the third act.

The second line of this couplet is a quotation from Marlowe's *Hero and Leander* which was printed in 1598. This goes to confirm the negative evidence supplied by Meres to fix 1598 as a lower limit. The reference to 'Diana in the fountain' has been thought to have been suggested by the erection of a statue of Diana in West Cheap in 1596: the description, however, is not an accurate one and this allusion cannot be accepted as proved when we consider how very frequently Diana was the figure chosen to ornament fountains in Elizabeth's time. Various editors have seen references to the statute prohibiting the use of

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oaths in plays, and to the penal laws against witchcraft which were drawn up in 1603 and 1605 respectively. These, again, are unsatisfactory, as the passages seem too general to be intended as conveying any distinct reference to particular laws: nor, indeed, would they prove anything as to the later date of the play even if they could be admitted. Nevertheless the *Hero and Leander* quotation, and the omission of mention by Meres together with the entry in the Stationers' Register combine to settle the play's date within well-defined limits.

Turning to internal evidence the same conclusion is arrived at. Leaving aside the songs and the love-rhymes which Orlando indulged in, rhyme is comparatively scarce: double and light endings are by no means unusual: the diction is distinctly that of the second period where thought and expression are balanced. In fact, both the subject and treatment are in some ways akin to *Much Ado about Nothing*, and combined with the similar diction, and the simultaneous entry of the two plays in the Register, it is difficult to resist the conclusion that the two plays were written at no great distance of time apart from each other: it is perhaps 'to enquire too curiously' which preceded the other, but either the latter part of 1599 or the beginning of 1600 may be set down as the probable date of composition of *As You Like It*.

#### THE TEXT

No quarto edition of *As You Like It* exists: as has already been said the issue of one seems to have been contemplated, but the note 'to be stayed'—whatever its reasons may have been—appears to have been effective enough in this instance. The play first appeared in the Folio of 1623, where it is placed between the *Merchant of Venice* and the *Taming of the Shrew*. With practically one exception editors agree in regarding the text as unusually satisfactory in the famous edition of Heminge and Condell: and as this one exception produces nothing of any consequence to support his opinion, the reliability of the Folio version may be admitted. Such inaccuracies as 'Juno's swans,' the confusion between the statures of Rosalind and Celia, must be attributed rather to the author than the printer: while the ambiguity of time is merely an instance of a device which

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Shakespeare has freely availed himself of, namely, that of 'double time.'

#### SOURCE

The plot of *As You Like It* is taken from Lodge's *Rosalynde*, which as its sub-title 'Euphues and his golden legacy' indicates, was written at a time when Euphuism was still rampant, and the name of the verbose hero was still a valuable asset. Pastoral sweetness and melodramatic action are blended together in this novel. Rosader, on account of his excellent parts and his large possessions, is hated by his brother Saladyne; the latter persuades him to wrestle at the court, hoping he will be killed. He comes off victor, however, and falls in love with Rosalynde. Returning home to his brother, he is subjected to many indignities, and eventually flies to the forest of Arden. Thither also have gone Rosalynde, disguised as a page, under the name of Ganymede, and Alinda, now known as Aliena, the daughter of the usurper who is in power, both having been banished. Rosader meets Ganymede, and there is much discussion between them on the subject of love. He is persuaded to undergo a mock-marriage with her, and eventually all is revealed and is consummated in their marriage. Saladyne comes to the forest, exiled by the usurper, falls in love with and marries Aliena, after having been rescued from a lion by his brother and repented. A shepherd, Montanus, is in love with a shepherdess, Phoebe, who disdains him, but falls in love with Ganymede, and finding out the personality of the latter, marries her devoted admirer.

The true king is also in the forest, and happily witnesses the marriage of Rosader and Rosalynde: after which an army of the usurper comes to attack him, but is repulsed by his noble friends, and the king enjoys his own again.

Here then is the outline of all the various stories that combine to form the plot of *As You Like It*.

The characters of Jacques, Touchstone, William and Audrey are Shakespeare's independent creations. There are also several differences between novel and play, of which the following may be mentioned.

(1) In the play, Orlando is hated by his brother for his excel-

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lence and manliness, while in the novel, greed is made to play a stronger part.

(2) In the novel, Rosader is congratulated by the usurper on his success, and there is no marring note as there is in the play. He proceeds home with many boon companions, and resides there some time before proceeding to Arden.

(3) In the novel Alinda is banished by her father; in the play she voluntarily accompanies her friend.

(4) The treatment of the forest scenes is almost radically different. In the play anything that may mar the pastoral harmony is dismissed; thus the attack of robbers on Aliena and Ganymede is not alluded to: while the fight at the end is avoided by the sudden repentance of the usurping duke. In the love-scenes between Orlando and Rosalynde, wit and humour, with an undercurrent of tenderness, are the prevailing note: in the novel these scenes are abundantly strewn with eclogues, and the conversation is of an entirely artificial turn, elaborate in simile with but little humour. In the play, the courtship of Oliver and Celia is rapidly passed over: in the novel it is given at much greater length.

For a more detailed comparison of the source and play, as well as for the text itself of Lodge's *Rosalynde*, the reader must be referred to Mr. W. W. Greg's edition in the 'Shakespeare Classics.'

*As You Like It* is essentially one of the 'joyous comedies' which may be grouped with *Much Ado* and *Twelfth Night*. It is, in fact, the one to which this application is specially fit. In both of the other two plays of the group, sadness and even despair reigns at least for a time. In *As You Like It*, the forest of Arden seems magically to dispel the thoughts of adversity and misfortune, and a cheerful optimism, which cheerily rises above hardship and injustice, is the key-note of the play. The leading characters require no comment: Rosalind's only fault is that the prominence afforded her by the poet causes Celia to be dwarfed; a fact which readers who have been led to take a lively interest in her in the early part of the play can only regret. Her marriage with Oliver is one of the worst instances in Shakespeare of an artificial and conventional completion of a portrait which has been begun with so much promise. Jacques is an original

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conception of the poet : he cannot be said to be a very pleasing one. The famous 'seven ages' speech is justly admired ; but it is rather for the language than the sentiments that this admiration is justified. Jacques is full of cheap cynical philosophy, which he is wholly unable to maintain when he meets with any one 'disputable' : he perhaps approximates to the type of railer familiar to readers of early Jonsonian comedy. In the play he forms a useful foil to the manly cheerfulness of Orlando, and the happy contentedness of Rosalind, and each of these easily succeeds in putting him down, while he is a capital vehicle for the poet to express some good-natured satire on some of the foibles of the Elizabethan gallant. Touchstone is, perhaps, the first line of demarcation in the various stages of Shakespeare's clowns which may be traced in the change from Launcelot Speed to the sorrowful fool of *King Lear* : his devotion to his mistress endears us to him, while his fooling of the shepherd, and his famous divisions of the lie are genuinely humorous, and do more than make only the groundlings laugh.





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## PERSONS REPRESENTED.<sup>1</sup>

[The References are to 1st Speeches in each Scene. When an Actor is mute, the Scene in which he appears is given.]

**Duke Senior**, *living in banishment*, II.i.1, p. 17; vii.1, p. 28; V.iv.1, p. 73.

**Duke FREDERICK**, *his brother, and usurper of his dominions*, I.ii.136, p. 9; II.ii.1, p. 19; III.i.1, p. 34.

**ANYKENS** (or **AMIKENS**), II.i.18, p. 17; v.1, p. 25; vii.173, p. 33; *as a Mute*, V.iv. p. 73.

**JAQUES**, II.v.9, p. 25; vii.12, p. 28; III.ii.241, p. 41; iii.7, p. 46; IV.i.1, p. 54; ii.1, p. 60; V.iv.35, p. 74.

**1st Lord**, II.i.25, p. 18; vii.3, p. 28; **2nd Lord**, II.i.65, p. 19; **A Lord**, IV.ii.2, p. 60.

**1st Page**, V.iii.6, p. 71; **2nd Page**, V.iii.8, p. 71.

**LE BEU**, *a Courtier attending upon FREDERICK*, I.ii.90, p. 8.

**1st Lord, attending on FREDERICK**, II.ii.4, p. 19; **2nd Lord, of like estate**, II.ii.8, p. 19.

**CHARLES**, *Duke FREDERICK'S Wrestler*, I.i.87, p. 3; ii.183, p. 10.

**OLIVER**, I.i.27, p. 2; III.i.13, p. 34; IV.iii.75, p. 63; V.ii.5, p. 68.

**JAQUES**, V.iv.144, p. 77.

**ORLANDO**, I.i.1, p. 1; ii.153, p. 9; II.iii.1, p. 20; vi.4, p. 27; vii.88, p. 30; III.ii.1, p. 34; IV.i.27, p. 55; V.ii.1, p. 68; iv.3, p. 73.

**ADAM**, I.i.24, p. 1; II.iii.2, p. 20; vi.1, p. 27; vii.168, p. 33.

**DENNIS**, I.i.80, p. 3.

**A Clowne or Motley, named TOUCHSTONE**, I.ii.53, p. 7; II.iv.2, p. 22; III.ii.12, p. 35; iii.1, p. 46; V.i.1, p. 66; iii.1, p. 71; iv.38, p. 74.

**Sir OLIVER MAR-TEXT**, *a Vicar*, III.iii.60, p. 47.

**CORIN**, *an old man*, II.iv.19, p. 23; III.ii.11, p. 35; iv.42, p. 50; V.i.57, p. 67; *as a Mute*, III.v. p. 50.

**SILVIUS**, *a young man, in love with PHEBE*, II.iv.20, p. 23; III.v.1, p. 50; IV.iii.6, p. 61; V.ii.78, p. 70; iv.17, p. 73.

**WILLIAM**, *a country Clowne, in love with AUDREY*, V.i.13, p. 66.

**An Actor, presenting HYMN**, V.iv.101, p. 76.

} *Lords attending on the banished Duke.*

} *attending on the banished Duke.*

} *Sons of Sir ROWLAND de BOYS.*

} *Servants to OLIVER.*

} *Shepherds.*

<sup>1</sup> The heading of the Dramatis Personæ in *How a Man may choose a good Wife from a bad.*—Hazlitt's *Dodsley*, ix. 4.

## *Persons Represented.*

**ROSALIND** (or **ROSALINE**), daughter to the banished Duke, I.ii.2, p. 5; iii.3, p. 13: for **GARIMED**, II.iv.1, p. 22; III.ii.81, p. 37; iv.1, p. 48; v. 35, p. 52; IV.i.3, p. 54; iii.1, p. 61; V.ii.17, p. 68; iv.5, p. 73.

**CELIA**, daughter to **FREDERICK**, I.ii.1, p. 5; iii.1, p. 13: for **ALIENA**, II.iv.8, p. 22; III.ii.128, p. 38; iv.2, p. 48; IV.i.60, p. 56; iii.3, p. 61: as a Mute, III.v. p. 50; V.iv. p. 76.

**PHOEBE**, a Shepherdess, beloved by **SILVIUS**, III.v.8, p. 50; V.ii.78, p. 70; iv.12, p. 73.

**AUDREY** (or **AWDRIE**), a country Wench, III.iii.4, p. 46; V.i.3, p. 66; as a Mute, V.iv. p. 74.

*The Scenes supposed.* **Olivers orchard**, I.i. pp. 1-5: *Before Olivers house*, II.iii. pp. 20-22: *Before Duke Fredericks palace*, I.ii. pp. 5-13: *Duke Fredericks palace*, I.iii. pp. 13-17; II.ii. pp. 19, 20; III.i. p. 34: *The Forrest of Arden*, II.i. pp. 17-19; iv-vii. pp. 22-33; III.ii.-V.iv. pp. 34-78.

*The Time<sup>1</sup> embraced by the Play cannot be ascertained, the Interim between scenes II. and III., in Act III., being of Indefinite duration. 10 Days are represented on the Stage, and 3 Interims elapse.*

**Day 1**, I.i. pp. 1-5: **Day 2**, I.ii,iii. pp. 5-17; II.i. pp. 17-19: **Day 3**, II.ii,iii. pp. 19-22: *Interim of a few days*: **Day 4**, II.iv. pp. 22-25: **Day 5**, II.v,vi,vii.; III.i. pp. 25-34: *Interim of a few days*: **Day 6**, III.ii. pp. 34-45: *Interim*: **Day 7**, III.iii. pp. 45-48: **Day 8**, III.iv,v.; IV.; V.i. pp. 48-67: **Day 9**, V.ii,iii. pp. 68-72: **Day 10**, V.iv. pp. 73-78.

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<sup>1</sup> We throw sc. iii. Act II., and sc. i. Act III. into Days 2 and 5 respectively, because the distance between the Duke's palace and Oliver's house may have been too great to allow Orlando to reach home before Day 3, the day after the wrestling-match, and for Oliver—sent for on Day 3—to arrive at the court before Day 5. Mr. Daniel bracketed these scenes under Days 2 and 3 respectively, as being out of place. For the rest, we follow his Time-Analysis in the *New Sh. Soc.'s Transactions*, 1877-79, pp. 156-162.

## NOTICE

In the Text, black type (Clarendon or *Sans-serif*) is used for all emendations and insertions.

In the Notes 'F' means the First Folio of 1623, from which the text is edited. F2, the Second Folio of 1632 (whose emendations are not treated as Shakspeare's).

¶ in the Text, means that the speaker turns and speaks to a fresh person.

Words having now a different stress to the Elizabethan, are generally accented, for the reader's convenience, as 'exile,' &c. When -ed final is pronounced as a separate syllable, the e is printed ẽ.

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[From the First Folio of 1623.]

1. The first part of the document is a list of names and dates.

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# As you Like it.

*Actus Primus. Scœna Prima.*

*OLIVER'S Orchard.*

*Enter ORLANDO and ADAM.*

*Orlando.*

**A**S I remember, *Adam*, it was vpon this fashion: **My** Father bequeathed me by will but poore a thousand Crownes; and, as thou saist, charged my brother, on his blessing, to breed mee well: and there begins [4 my sadnesse. My brother *Iaques*, he keepes at schoole, and report speakes goldenly of his profit: for my part, he keepes me rustically at home, or (to speak more properly) staies me heere at home vnkept; for call you that 'keeping' [8 for a gentleman of my birth, that differs not from the stalling of an Oxe? His horses are bred better; for, besides that they are faire with their feeding, they are taught their man- nage, and, to that end, Riders deerely hir'd: but I (his [12 brother) gaine nothing vnder him but growth, for the which his Animals on his dunghils are as much bound to him as I. Besides this nothing that he so plentifully giues me, the some- thing that Nature gaue mee, his countenance seemes to [16 take from me: hee lets mee feede with his Hindes, barres mee the place of a brother, and, as much as in him lies, mines my gentility with my education. This is it, *Adam*, that grieues me; and the spirit of my Father, which I [20 thinke is within mee, begins to mutinie against this seruitude. I will no longer endure it, though yet I know no wise remedy how to auoid it.

*Adam.* Yonder comes my Master, your brother. 24

*Orlan.* Goe a-part, *Adam*, and thou shalt heare how he will shake me vp! [ADAM draws back.

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1, 2. *fashion: My Father*] fashion; my father Heath conj. fashion F.

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*Enter OLIVER.*

*Oli.* Now, Sir! what make you heere?

*Orl.* Nothing: I am not taught to 'make' any thing. 28

*Oli.* What mar you then, fir?

*Orl.* Marry, fir, I am helping you to 'mar' that which God made, a poore vnworthy brother of yours, with idleneffe.

*Oliuer.* Marry, fir, be better employed, and be naught a while! 33

*Orlan.* Shall I keepe your hogs, and eat huskes with them? What prodigall portion haue I spent, that I should come to such penury? 36

*Oli.* Know you where you are, fir?

*Orl.* O, fir, very well: heere in your Orchard.

*Oli.* Know you before whom, fir?

*Orl.* I, better then him I am before knowes mee. I [40 know you are my eldest brother; and, in the gentle condition of bloud, you should so know me. The courtesie of nations allows you my better, in that you are the first borne; but the same tradition takes not away my bloud, were there [44 twenty brothers betwixt vs: I haue as much of my Father in mee as you; albeit, I confesse, your comming before me is neerer to his reuerence.

*Oli.* What, Boy! 48

*Orl.* Come, come, elder brother! you are too yong in this.

*Oli.* Wilt thou lay hands on me, villaine?

[*ORL. seizes him by the throat.*

*Orl.* I am no villaine: I am the yongest sonne of Sir Rowland de Boys; he was my Father; and he is thrice a [52 villaine that saies such a Father begot villaines! Wert thou not my brother, I would not take this hand from thy throat, till this other had puld out thy tongue for saying so: thou hast raild on thy selfe. 56

*Adam.* [*coming forward*] Sweet Masters, bee patient! for your Fathers remembrance, be at accord!

*Oli.* Let me goe, I say!

*Orl.* I will not, till I please: you shall heare mee! [60 My Father charg'd you in his will to giue me good education:

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26. *Enter Oliuer.*] F (after l. 23).

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you haue train'd me like a pezant, obscuring and hiding from me all gentleman-like qualities. The spirit of my father growes strong in mee, and I will no longer endure it: [64 therefore allow me such exercifes as may become a gentleman, or giue mee the poore allottery my father left me by testament! With that I will goe buy my fortunes.

*Oli.* And what wilt thou do? beg, when that is spent? [68 Well, fir, get you in! I will not long be troubled with you; you shall haue some part of your will: I pray you, leaue me!

*Orl.* I will no further offend you then becomes mee for my good. 72

*Oli.* [to ADAM] Get you with him, you olde dogge!

*Adam.* Is 'old dogge' my reward? Most true, I haue lost my teeth in your seruice. God be with my olde master! he would not haue spoke such a word. [Ex. ORL. and AD. 76

*Oli.* Is it euen so? Begin you to grow vpon me? I will phyck your ranckenesse, and yet giue no thousand crownes neyther. Holla, Dennis!

*Enter DENNIS.*

*Den.* Calls your worship? 80

*Oli.* Was not *Charles*, the Dukes Wraffler, heere to speake with me?

*Den.* So please you, he is heere at the doore, and importunes access to you. 84

*Oli.* Call him in! [Ex/it DENNIS.] 'Twill be a good way; and to morrow the wraffling is.

*Enter CHARLES.*

*Cha.* Good morrow to your worship! 87

*Oli.* Good Mounfier *Charles*, what's the new newes at the new Court?

*Charles.* There's no newes at the Court, Sir, but the olde newes: that is, the old Duke is banished by his yonger brother the new Duke; and three or foure louing Lords [92 haue put themselues into voluntary exile with him, whose lands and reuenues enrich the new Duke; therefore he giues them good leaue to wander.

*Oli.* Can you tell if *Rosalind*, the Dukes daughter, bee banished with her Father? 97



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*Cha.* O, no! for the Dukes daughter, her Cosen, so loues her, (being euer from their Cradles bred together,) that shee would haue followed her exile, or haue died to stay behind her. She is at the Court, and no lesse beloued of her Vncle [101 then his owne daughter; and neuer two Ladies loued as they doe.

*Oli.* Where will the old Duke liue?

*Cha.* They say hee is already in the Forrest of *Arden*, and a many merry men with him; and there they liue like [106 the old *Robin Hood* of *England*: they say many yong Gentlemen flocke to him euery day, and fleet the time carelesly, as they did in the golden world. 109

*Oli.* What, you wrastle to morrow before the new Duke?

*Cha.* Marry, doe I, fir; and I came to acquaint you with a matter. I am giuen, fir, secretly to vnderstand, that your yonger brother, *Orlando*, hath a disposition to come in disguised against mee to try a fall. To morrow, fir, I [114 wrastle for my credit; and hee that escapes me without some broken limbe, shall acquit him well. Your brother is but young and tender; and, for your loue, I would bee loth to foyle him, as I must, for my owne honour, if hee [118 come in: therefore, out of my loue to you, I came hither to acquaint you withall; that either you might stay him from his intendment, or brooke such disgrace well as he shall runne into; in that it is a thing of his owne search, and altogether against my will. 123

*Oli.* *Charles*, I thanke thee for thy loue to me, which thou shalt finde I will most kindly requite. I had my selfe notice of my Brothers purpose heerein, and haue by vnder-hand [126 meanes laboured to dissuade him from it; but he is resolute. Ile tell thee, *Charles*: it is the stubborne yong fellow of *France*; full of ambition, an enuious emulator of euery mans good parts, a secret & villanous contriuer against mee [130 his naturall brother: therefore vse thy discretion; I had as lief thou didst breake his necke as his finger! And thou wert best looke to't; for if thou dost him any slight disgrace, or if hee doe not mightilie grace himselfe on thee, hee [134 will practise against thee by poyson, entrap thee by some

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99. *shee*] F3. hee F.

*As you like it.*

treacherous deuife, and neuer leaue thee till he hath tane thy life by some indireft meanes or other; for, I affure thee, (and almoft with teares I fpeake it,) there is not one fo young, [138 and fo villanous, this day liuing! I fpeake but brotherly of him; but should I anathomize him to thee, as hee is, I muft blufh, and weepe, and thou muft looke pale and wonder. 141

*Cha.* I am heartily glad I came hither to you. If hee come to morrow, Ile giue him his payment! if euer hee goe alone againe, Ile neuer wrastle for prize more: and fo, God keepe your worfhip! [Exit. 145

*Oll.* Farewell, good *Charles*! Now will I ftirre this Gamefter! I hope I fhall fee an end of him; for my foule (yet I know not why) hates nothing more then he. Yet hee's gentle; neuer fchool'd, and yet learned; full of noble deuife; of all forts enchantingly beloued; and, indeed, fo much in the [150 heart of the world, and efpecially of my owne people, who beft know him, that I am altogether mifprised! But it fhall not be fo long! this wrastler fhall cleare all! Nothing remains but that I kindle the boy thither; which now Ile goe about. [Exit.

*Actus Primus. Scœna Secunda*

*Lawn before the DUKES Palace.*

*Enter ROSALIND, and CELLIA.*

*Cel.* I pray thee, *Rosalind*, fweet my Coz, be merry! 1

*Rof.* Deere *Cellia*, I fhew more mirth then I am miftrefle of; and would you yet I were merrier? Vnleffe you could teach me to forget a banifhed father, you muft not learne mee how to remember any extraordinary pleafure. 5

*Cel.* Heerein I fee thou lou'ft mee not with the full waight that I loue thee. If my Vncle, thy banifhed father, had banifhed thy Vncle, the Duke my Father, fo thou hadft [8 beene ftill with mee, I could haue taught my loue to take thy father for mine: fo wouldft thou, if the truth of thy loue to me were fo righteoufly temper'd as mine is to thee. 11

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3. 7] Rowe (ed. 2).

*As you like it.*

*Rof.* Well, I will forget the condition of my estate, to reioyce in yours.

*Cel.* You know my Father hath no childe but I, nor none is like to haue: and, truly, when he dies, thou shalt be his heire; for what hee hath taken away from thy father [16 perforce, I will render thee againe in affection: by mine honor, I will! and, when I breake that oath, let mee turne monster! therefore, my sweet *Rose*, my deare *Rose*, be merry! 20

*Rof.* From henceforth I will, Coz; and deuise sports. Let me see: what thinke you of falling in Loue?

*Cel.* Marry, I prethee, doe, to make sport withall: but loue no man in good earnest; nor no further in sport neyther, then (with safety of a pure bluth) thou maist in honor come off againe. 26

*Rof.* What shall be our sport, then?

*Cel.* Let vs fit and mocke the good houswife, Fortune, from her wheele, that her gifts may henceforth bee bestowed equally. 30

*Rof.* I would wee could doe so; for her benefits are mightily misplaced; and the bountifull blinde woman doth most mistake in her gifts to women. 33

*Cel.* 'Tis true; for those that she makes faire, she scarce makes honest; & those that she makes honest, she makes very illfauouredly. 36

*Rof.* Nay, now thou goest from Fortunes office to Natures: Fortune reigns in gifts of the world, not in the lineaments of Nature. 39

*Enter Clowne (TOUCHSTONE).*

*Cel.* No? when Nature hath made a faire creature, may she not by Fortune fall into the fire? Though Nature hath giuen vs wit to flout at Fortune, hath not Fortune sent in this foole to cut off the argument? 43

*Rof.* Indeed, there is Fortune too hard for Nature, when Fortune makes Natures naturall the cutter off of Natures witte. 46

*Cel.* Peraduenture this is not Fortunes work neither, but Natures, who perceiueth our naturall wits too dull to reason

*As you like it.*

of such goddesſes, and hath ſent this Naturall for our whet-  
ſtone; for alwaies the dulneſſe of the foole is the whet-  
ſtone of the wits. ¶ How now, Witte! whether wander  
you? 52

*Clow.* Miſtreſſe, you muſt come away to your father.

*Cel.* Were you made the meſſenger?

*Clo.* No, by mine honor! but I was bid to come for you.

*Rof.* Where learned you that oath, foole? 56

*Clo.* Of a certaine Knight, that ſwore by his Honour they  
were good Pan-cakes, and ſwore by his Honor the Muſtard  
was naught: Now, Ile ſtand to it, the Pancakes were naught,  
and the Muſtard was good; and yet was not the Knight  
forſworne. 61

*Cel.* How prone you that, in the great heape of your  
knowledge?

*Rof.* I, marry, now vnmuzzle your wiſedome! 64

*Clo.* Stand you both forth, now: ſtroke your chinnes, and  
ſweare by your beards that I am a knaue!

*Cel.* By our beards (if we had them) thou art. 67

*Clo.* By my knauerie (if I had it) then I were; but if  
you ſweare by that that is not, you are not forſworn: no  
more was this knight, ſwearing by his Honor, for he neuer  
had anie; or, if he had, he had ſworne it away before euer he  
ſaw thoſe Pancakes, or that Muſtard. 72

*Cel.* Prethee, who is't that thou means't?

*Clo.* One that old *Fredericke*, your Father, loues.

*Cel.* My Fathers loue is enough to honor him: enough!  
ſpeake no more of him! you'l be whipt for taxation one of  
theſe daies. 77

*Clo.* The more pittie, that fooles may not ſpeak wiſely,  
what Wiſemen do fooliſhly.

*Cel.* By my troth, thou ſai'eſt true; for, ſince the little wit  
that fooles haue was ſilenced, the little foolerie that wiſe  
men haue makes a great ſhew. Heere comes Monſieur the  
*Beu!*<sup>1</sup> 83

*Rof.* With his mouth full of newes.

*Cel.* Which he vvill put on vs, as Pigeons feed their  
young.

49. and] Malone.

75. *Cel.*] Theobald. Ros. F.

53. *father*] farther F.

<sup>1</sup> So F. *Le Beu* F2.

*As you like it.*

*Rof.* Then fhall we be newes-cram'd.

*Cel.* All the better; we fhall be the more Marketable. 88

*Enter LE BEAU.*

¶ *Bon-iour, Monsieur le Beau!* what's the newes?

*Le Beau.* Faire Princeffe, you haue loft much good sport.

*Cel.* 'Sport'! of what colour?

*Le Beau.* 'What colour,' Madame! How fhall I aunfwer you? 93

*Rof.* As wit and Fortune will.

*Clo.* Or as the Deftinies decrees.

*Cel.* Well faid! that was laid on with a trowell. 96

*Clo.* Nay, if I keepe not my ranke, . . .

*Rof.* Thou loofeft thy old fmell.

*Le Beau.* You amaze me, Ladies! I would haue told you of good wraftling, which you haue loft the fight of. 100

*Rof.* Yet tell vs the manner of the Wraftling.

*Le Beau.* I will tell you the beginning; and, if it please your Ladifhips, you may fee the end; for the beft is yet to doe; and heere, where you are, they are comming to performe it. 105

*Cel.* Well, 'the beginning,' that is dead and buried.

*Le Beau.* There comes an old man, and his three fons, . . .

*Cel.* I could match this 'beginning' with an old tale. 108

*Le Beau.* Three proper yong men, of excellent growth and preface.

*Rof.* With bils on their neckes: 'Be it knowne vnto all men by thefe presents.' 112

*Le Beau.* The eldeft of the three wraftled with *Charles* the Dukes Wraftler; which *Charles* in a moment threw him, and broke three of his ribbes, that there is little hope of life in him: So he feru'd the fecond, and fo the third. Yonder [116 they lie; the poore old man, their Father, making fuch pittifull dole ouer them, that all the beholders take his part with weeping.

*Rof.* Alas! 120

*Clo.* But what is the 'sport,' Monsieur, that the Ladies haue loft?

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88. *Enter Le Beau.*] F (after l. 83).

89. *Bon-iour*] Boon-iour F.

*As you like it.*

*Le Beau.* Why, this that I speake of. 123

*Clo.* Thus men may grow wiser euery day! It is the first time that euer I heard breaking of ribbes was 'sport' for Ladies. 126

*Cel.* Or I, I promise thee.

*Ros.* But is there any else longs to see this broken Musicke in his fides? Is there yet another doates vpon rib-breaking? ¶ Shall we see this wraffling, Cofin? 130

*Le Beau.* You must, if you stay heere; for heere is the place appointed for the wraffling, and they are ready to performe it.

*Cel.* Yonder, sure, they are comming. Let vs now stay and see it! 135

*Flourish.* Enter DUKE FREDERICK, Lords, ORLANDO, CHARLES, and Attendants.

*Duke F.* Come on! since the youth will not be intreated, his owne perill on his forwardnesse!

*Ros.* Is yonder the man?

*Le Beau.* Euen he, Madam. 139

*Cel.* Alas, he is too yong! yet he looks successefully.

*Du. F.* How now, daughter, and Cousin! are you crept hither to see the wraffling?

*Ros.* I, my Liege, so please you giue vs leaue. 143

*Du. F.* You wil take little delight in it, I can tell you; there is such oddes in the man. In pitie of the challengers youth, I would faine disswade him, but he will not bee entreated. Speake to him, Ladies! see if you can mooue him. 148

*Cel.* Call him hether, good Monsieur *Le Beau*!

*Duke F.* Do so! He not be by. [DUKE goes apart.]

*Le Beau.* Monsieur the Challenger, the Princessse calls for you!

*Orl.* I attend them with all respect and dutie. 153

*Ros.* Young man, haue you challeng'd *Charles* the Wraffler?

*Orl.* No, faire Princessse; he is the generall challenger: I come but in, as others do, to try with him the strength of my youth. 157

*As you like it.*

*Cel.* Yong Gentleman, your spirits are too bold for your yeares. You haue seene cruell prooffe of this mans strength : if you saw your selfe with your eies, or knew your selfe with your iudgment, the feare of your aduenture would counsell you to a more equall enterprife. We pray you, for [162 your owne sake, to embrace your own safetie, and giue ouer this attempt.

*Rof.* Do, yong Sir ! your reputation shall not therefore be misprised : we wil make it our suite to the Duke, that the wraffling might not go forward. 167

*Orl.* I beseech you, punish mee not with your harde thoughts ; wherein I confesse me much guiltie, to denie so faire and excellent Ladies anie thing. But let your faire [170 eies, and gentle wishes, go with mee to my triall ; wherein if I bee foil'd, there is but one sham'd that vvas neuer gracious ; if kil'd, but one dead that is willing to be so : I shall do my friends no wrong, for I haue none to lament [174 me ; the world no iniurie, for in it I haue nothing ; onely in the world I fill vp a place, which may bee better supplied when I haue made it emptie. 177

*Rof.* The little strength that I haue, I would it vvere with you !

*Cel.* And mine, to eeke out hers !

*Rof.* Fare you well : praie heauen I be deceiu'd in you !

*Cel.* Your hearts desires be with you ! 182

*Char.* Come, where is this yong gallant that is so desirous to lie with his mother earth ?

*Orl.* Readie, Sir ; but his will hath in it a more modest working. 186

*Duk. F.* You shall trie but one fall.

*Cha.* No, I warrant your Grace, you shall not entreat him to a second, that haue so mightilie perswaded him from a first.

*Orl.* You meane to mocke me after : you should not haue mockt me before : but come your waies ! 191

*Rof.* Now *Hercules* be thy speede, yong man !

*Cel.* I would I were inuifible, to catch the strong fellow by the legge ! [Wraffle. 194

*Rof.* Oh excellent yong man !

*Cel.* If I had a thunderbolt in mine eie, I can tell who should downe. [CHARLES is thrown. Shout.

I. ii. 158-197.]

*As you like it.*

*Duk. F.* No more, no more! 198  
*Orl.* Yes, I beseech your Grace: I am not yet well  
 breath'd. 200  
*Duk. F.* How do'st thou, *Charles*?  
*Le Beau.* He cannot speake, my Lord.  
*Duk. F.* Beare him awaie! [*CHARLES is borne out.*  
 ¶ What is thy name, yong man?  
*Orl.* Orlando, my Liege; the yongest sonne of Sir *Roland*  
*de Boys.* 204  
*Duk. F.* I would thou hadst beene son to some man else:  
 The world esteem'd thy Father honourable,  
 But I did finde him still mine enemie:  
 Thou should'st haue better pleas'd me with this deede,  
 Hadst thou descended from another house. 209  
 But fare thee well; thou art a gallant youth:  
 I would thou had'st told me of another Father!  
 [*Exeunt DUKE FRED., Train, and LE BEAU.*  
*Cel.* Were I my Father, (Coze,) would I do this?  
 (*Orl.* I am more proud to be Sir *Rolands* sonne, 213  
 His yongest sonne; and would not change that calling,  
 To be adopted heire to *Fredericke*.)  
*Rof.* My Father lou'd Sir *Roland* as his soule,  
 And all the world was of my Fathers minde: 217  
 Had I before knowne this yong man his sonne,  
 I should haue giuen him teares vnto entreaties,  
 Ere he should thus haue ventur'd!  
*Cel.* Gentle Cofen,  
 Let vs goe thanke him, and encourage him! 221  
 My Fathers rough and enuious disposition  
 Sticks me at heart. ¶ Sir, you haue well deseru'd:  
 If you doe keepe your promises in loue  
 But iustly, as you haue exceeded all promise, 225  
 Your Mistris shall be happie!  
*Rof.* Gentleman,  
 [*Throwing a chain from off her neck round his.*  
 Weare this for me (one out of suites with Fortune)  
 That could giue more, but that her hand lacks meanes! 228  
 ¶ Shall we goe, Coze?

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211. *Exeunt* . . .] Exit Duke. F. 215. *Fredericke*] *Fredricke F.*



*As you like it.*

*Cel.* I. ¶ Fare you well, faire Gentleman! 229

[*ROS. & CEL. turn to go.*]

*Orl.* Can I not say, 'I thanke you'? My better parts  
Are all throwne downe; and that which here stands vp  
Is but a quintine, a meere liewesse blocke.

*Rof.* He cals vs back: my pride fell with my fortunes; 233  
Ile aske him what he would. ¶ Did you call, Sir?  
Sir, you haue wraffled well, and ouerthrowne  
More then your enemies.

*Cel.* Will you goe, Coze?

*Rof.* Haue with you! ¶ Fare you well! 237

[*Exeunt ROSALIND, CELIA, and Clown.*]

*Orl.* What passion hangs these waights vpon my toong?

I cannot speake to her, yet she vrg'd conference.

O poore *Orlando*, thou art ouerthrowne!

Or *Charles*, or something weaker, masters thee. 241

*Re-enter LE BEU.*

*Le Beau.* Good Sir, I do in friendship counsaile you

To leaue this place. Albeit you haue deseru'd

High commendation, true applause, and loue,

Yet such is now the Dukes condition, 245

That he misconfers all that you haue done.

The Duke is humorous: what he is, indeede,

More suites you to conceiue, then I to speake of.

*Orl.* I thanke you, Sir; and, pray you, tell me this! 249

Which of the two was daughter of the Duke,

That here was at the Wraffling?

*Le Beau.* Neither his daughter, if we iudge by manners;

But yet, indeede, the taller<sup>1</sup> is his daughter: 253

The other is daughter to the banish'd Duke,

And here detain'd by her vsurping Vncle,

To keepe his daughter companie; whose loues

Are deerer then the naturall bond of Sisters. 257

But I can tell you, that of late this Duke

Hath tane displeasure 'gainst his gentle Neece;

Grounded vpon no other argument,

237. *Exeunt* . . .] Exit. F.

241. *Re-enter* . . .] Enter *Le Beau*. F (after l. 239).

<sup>1</sup> really 'shorter': see I. iii. 110,  
p. 16.

*As you like it.*

But that the people praise her for her vertues, 261  
And pittie her, for her good Fathers fake;  
And, on my life, his malice 'gainst the Lady  
Will sodainly breake forth! Sir, fare you well!  
Hereafter, in a better world then this, 265  
I shall desire more loue and knowledge of you.

*Orl.* I rest much bounden to you: fare you well!

[*Exit LE BEAU.*

Thus must I from the smoake into the smother;  
From tyrant Duke, vnto a tyrant Brother. 269  
But heauenly *Rosaline*! [*Exit.*

*Actus Primus. Scena Tertia.*

*A Room in the Palace.*

*Enter CELIA and ROSALINE.*

*Cel.* Why, Cofen! why, *Rosaline*! *Cupid* haue mercie!  
Not a word?

*Rof.* Not one to throw at a dog. 3

*Cel.* No, thy words are too precious to be cast away vpon  
curs; throw some of them at me! come, lame mee with  
reasons! 6

*Rof.* Then there were two Cofens laid vp; when the one  
should be lam'd with reasons, and the other mad without any.

*Cel.* But is all this for your Father? 9

*Rof.* No, some of it is for my childe's Father.<sup>1</sup> Oh, how  
full of briers is this working day world! 11

*Cel.* They are but burs, Cofen, throwne vpon thee in holi-  
day foolerie: if we walke not in the trodden paths, our very  
petty-coates will catch them.

*Rof.* I could shake them off my coate: these burs are in  
my heart. 16

*Cel.* Hem them away!

*Rof.* I would try, if I could cry 'hem,' and haue him.

*Cel.* Come, come, wrastle with thy affections!

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*Scena Tertia.]* Scena Tertius, F. | stood) was thinking of Orlando.  
<sup>1</sup> So F. She (Theobald under- | *father's child* Rowe.

*As you like it.*

*Rof.* O, they take the part of a better wrafter then my selfe! 21

*Cel.* O, a good wish vpon you! you will trie in time, in dispiht of a fall. But, turning these iests out of seruice, let vs talke in good earnest. Is it possible, on such a sodaine, [24 you should fall into so strong a liking with old Sir *Roulands* yongest sonne?

*Rof.* The Duke, my Father, lou'd his Father deerelie. 27

*Cel.* Doth it therefore ensue that you should loue his Sonne deerelie? By this kinde of chafe, I should hate him, for my father hated his father deerely; yet I hate not *Orlando*.

*Rof.* No, faith, hate him not, for my sake!

*Cel.* Why should I not? doth he not deserue well? 32

*Rof.* Let me loue him for that, and do you loue him because I doe! Looke, here comes the Duke!

*Cel.* With his eies full of anger.

*Enter DUKE FREDERICK, with Lords.*

*Duk. F.* [to *Ros.*] Mistris, dispatch you with your safest haste, 36

And get you from our Court!

*Rof.* Me, Vncle?

*Duk. F.* You, Cousen:

Within these ten daies if that thou beeest found  
So neere our publike Court as twentie miles,  
Thou diest for it!

*Rof.* I doe beseech your Grace, 40

Let me the knowledge of my fault beare with me!

If with my selfe I hold intelligence,

Or haue acquaintance with mine owne desires;

If that I doe not dreame, or be not franticke, 44

(As I doe trust I am not,) then, deere Vncle,

Neuer so much as in a thought vnborne,

Did I offend your highnesse!

*Duk. F.* Thus doe all Traitors:

If their purgation did consist in words, 48

They are as innocent as grace it selfe:

Let it suffice thee that I trust thee not!

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35. *Enter . . . Lords.] Enter . . . Lords, F (after l. 32).*

*As you like it.*

*Rof.* Yet your mistrust cannot make me a Traitor:  
Tell me whereon the likelihoods depends! 52

*Duk. F.* Thou art thy Fathers daughter; there's enough.

*Rof.* So was I when your highnes took his Dukdome;  
So was I when your highnesse banisht him:  
Treason is not inherited, my Lord; 56

Or, if we did deriue it from our friends,  
What's that to me? my Father was no Traitor:  
Then, good my Leige, mistake me not so much,  
To thinke my pouertie is treacherous! 60

*Cel.* Deere Soueraigne, heare me speake!

*Duk. F. I, Celia;* we staid her for your sake;  
Else had she with her Father rang'd along.

*Cel.* I did not then intreat to haue her stay; 64  
It was your pleasure, and your owne remorse:  
I was too yong that time to value her,  
But now I know her: if she be a Traitor,  
Why, so am I! we still haue slept together, 68  
Rose at an instant, learn'd, plaid, eate together;  
And wheresoere we went, like *Iunos* Swans,  
Still we went coupled and inseperable.

*Duk. F.* She is too subtile for thee; and her smoothnes, 72  
Her verie silence, and her patience,  
Speake to the people, and they pittie her.  
Thou art a foole! she robs thee of thy name;  
And thou wilt show more bright, & seem more vertuous, 76  
When she is gone. Then open not thy lips:  
Firme and irreuocable is my doombe,  
Which I haue past vpon her: she is banish'd!

*Cel.* Pronounce that sentence then on me, my Leige! 80  
I cannot liue out of her companie.

*Duk. F.* You are a foole! ¶ You, Neice, prouide your selfe!  
If you out-stay the time, vpon mine honor,  
And in the greatnesse of my word, you die! 84

[*Exeunt* *DUKE*, &c.]

*Cel.* O my poore *Rosaline*, whether wilt thou goe?  
Wilt thou change Fathers? I will giue thee mine.  
I charge thee, be not thou more grieu'd then I am.

*As you like it.*

<i>Rof.</i> I haue more caufe.	
<i>Cel.</i> Thou haft not, Cofen;	88
Prethee, be cheerefull! know'ft thou not, the Duke	
Hath banifh'd me, his daughter?	
<i>Rof.</i> That he hath not.	
<i>Cel.</i> No? hath not? <i>Rofaline</i> lacks then the loue	
Which teacheth thee that thou and I am one:	92
Shall we be fündred? fhall we part, fweete girle?	
No! let my Father feeke another heire!	
Therefore deuife with me how we may flie,	
Whether to goe, and what to beare with vs:	96
And doe not feeke to take your change <sup>1</sup> vpon you,	
To beare your griefes your felfe, and leaue me out;	
For, by this heauen, now at our sorrowes pale,	
Say what thou canft, Ile goe along with thee!	100
<i>Rof.</i> Why, whether fhall we goe?	
<i>Cel.</i> To feeke my Vncle in the Forreft of <i>Arden</i> .	
<i>Rof.</i> Alas, what danger will it be to vs	
(Maides as we are) to trauell forth fo farre!	104
Beautie prouoketh theeues, fooner then gold.	
<i>Cel.</i> Ile put my felfe in poore and meane attire,	
And with a kinde of vmber fmirch my face;	
The like, doe you: fo fhall we paffe along,	108
And neuer ftir affailants.	
<i>Rof.</i> Were it not better	
(Becaufe that I am more then common tall)	
That I did fuite me all points like a man?	
A gallant curtelax vpon my thigh,	112
A bore-fpeare in my hand; and, (in my heart	
Lye there what hidden womans feare there will,)	
Weele haue a fwafhing and a marfhall outfide;	
As manie other mannifh cowards haue,	116
That doe outface it with their fémblances.	
<i>Cel.</i> What fhall I call thee when thou art a man?	
<i>Rof.</i> Ile haue no worfe a name then <i>Ioues</i> owne Page;	
And therefore looke you call me ' <i>Ganimed</i> .'	120
But what will you be call'd?	
<i>Cel.</i> Something that hath a reference to my ftate:	

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<sup>1</sup> change (*sc.*) of Fortune. *charge* F2. 121. *be*] by F.  
I. iii. 88-122.] 16

*As you like it.*

No longer *Celia*, but *Aliena*.

*Rof.* But, Cofen, what if we affaid to feale 124  
The clownifh Foole out of your Fathers Court?  
Would he not be a comfort to our trauaile?

*Cel.* Heele goe along ore the wide world with me;  
Leaue me alone to woe<sup>1</sup> him! Let's away, 128  
And get our Jewels and our wealth together;  
Deuife the fitteft time, and fafeft way  
To hide vs from purfuite that will be made  
After my flight! Now goe we in content,  
To libertie, and not to banifhment! [Exeunt. 133

*Actus Secundus. Scœna Prima.*

*The Forrest of Arden.*

*Enter DUKE Senior; AMYENS, and two or three Lords,  
like Forrefters.*

*Duk. Sen.* Now, my Coe-mates and brothers in exile, 1  
Hath not old cuftome made this life more sweete  
Then that of painted pompe? Are not thefe woods  
More free from perill then the enuious Court? 4  
Heere feele we but the penaltie of *Adam*,  
The feafons difference; as, the Icie phange  
And churlifh chiding of the winters winde,  
Which when it bites and blowes vpon my body, 8  
Euen till I shrinke with cold, I fmile, and fay,  
'This is no flattery: thefe are counfellors  
That feelingly perfwade me what I am:'  
Sweet are the vſes of aduerſitie, 12  
Which, like the toad, ougly and venemous,  
Weares yet a precious Iewell in his head:  
And this our life, exempt from publike haunt,  
Findes tongues in trees, bookes in the running brookes, 16  
Sermons in ſtones, and good in euery thing!  
I would not change it.

*Amien.*

Happy is your Grace,

<sup>1</sup> *woe* = *wooe*.

132. *we in*] F2. in we F.

5. *but*] Theobald. not F.

18. *I would not change it.*

Amien. *Happy*] Dyce (Upton  
conj.). Amien. I would not  
change it, happy F.

[I. iii. 123-133; II. i. 1-18.

*As you like it.*

That can translate the stubbornesse of Fortune  
Into so quiet and so sweet a file. 20

*Du. Sen.* Come, shall we goe and kill vs venifon ?  
And yet it irkes me, the poore dapled fooles  
(Being native Burgers of this desert City)  
Should, in their owne confines, with forked heads 24  
Haue their round hanches goard.

*1. Lord.* Indeed, my Lord,  
The melancholy *Iaques* grieues at that ;  
And, in that kinde, fweares you doe more vsurpe  
Then doth your brother that hath banish'd you. 28  
To day, my Lord of *Amiens*, and my selfe,  
Did steale behinde him, as he lay along  
Vnder an oake, whose ánticke roote peepes out  
Vpon the brooke that brawles along this wood . 32  
To the which place a poore sequestred Stag  
(That from the Hunters aime had tane a hurt)  
Did come to languish ; and, indeed, my Lord,  
The wretched annimall beau'd forth such groanes, 36  
That their discharge did stretch his leatherne coat  
Almost to burfing, and the big round teares  
Cours'd one another downe his innocent nose  
In pitteous chafe : and thus the hairie foole, 40  
Much markèd of the melancholie *Iaques*,  
Stood on th'extremest verge of the swift brooke,  
Augmenting it with teares.

*Du. Sen.* But what said *Iaques* ?  
Did he not moralize this spectacle ? 44

*1. Lord.* O, yes, into a thousand similies.  
First, for his weeping into the needlesse streame ;  
'Poore Deere !' quoth he, 'thou mak'st a testament  
As worldlings doe, giuing thy sum of more 48  
To that which had too much : ' then, being there alone,  
Left and abandoned of his veluet friends ;  
'Tis right,' quoth he ; 'thus miserie doth part  
The Fluxe of companie : ' anon a carelesse Heard, 52  
Full of the pasture, iumps along by him,  
And neuer staies to greet him ; 'I,' quoth *Iaques*,

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49. much] F2. must F.      50. friends] Rowe. friend F.

*As you like it.*

'Sweep on, you fat and greazie Citizens!  
'Tis iust the fashion: wherefore doe you looke 56  
Vpon that poore and broken bankrupt there?'  
Thus most inuectiuelly he pierceth through  
The body of the Countrie, Citie, Court,  
Yea, and of this our life; swearing that we 60  
Are meere vsurpers, tyrants, and what's worse,  
To fright the Annimals, and to kill them vp,  
In their assign'd and natue dwelling place.  
*D. Sen.* And did you leaue him in this contemplation? 64  
*2. Lord.* We did, my Lord, weeping and commenting  
Vpon the sobbing Deere.  
*Du. Sen.* Show me the place!  
I loue to cope him in these fullen fits,  
For then he's full of matter. 68  
*1. Lor.* Ile bring you to him strait. [*Exeunt.*]

*Actus Secundus. Scena Secunda.*

*A Room in the Palace.*

*Enter DUKE FREDERICK, with Lords.*

*Duk. F.* Can it be possible that no man saw them? 1  
It cannot be! some villaines of my Court  
Are of consent and sufferance in this.  
*1. Lo.* I cannot heare of any that did see her. 4  
The Ladies, her attendants of her chamber,  
Saw her a bed; and, in the morning early,  
They found the bed vntreasur'd of their Mistris.  
*2. Lor.* My Lord, the roynish Clown, at whom so oft, 8  
Your Grace was wont to laugh, is also missing.  
*Hesperia*, the Princeesse Gentlewoman,  
Confesses, that she secretly ore-heard  
Your daughter and her Cosen much commend 12  
The parts and graces of the Wrastler<sup>1</sup>  
That did but lately foile the synowie *Charles*;

59. *the*] F2.

<sup>1</sup> *Wrast(e)ler* is here made three syllables.

10. *Gentlewoman*] Gentlewoman F.



*As you like it.*

And the beleuees, where euer they are gone,  
That youth is surely in their companie. 16  
*Duk. F.* Send to his brother; fetch that gallant hither!  
If he be absent, bring his Brother to me;  
He make him finde him! do this fodainly!  
And let not search and inquisition quaille, 20  
To bring againe these foolish runawaies! [*Exeunt.*

*Actus Secundus. Scena Tertia.*

*Before Oliuers House.*

*Enter ORLANDO and ADAM, meeting.*

*Orl.* Who's there? 1  
*Ad.* What, my yong Master? Oh my gentle maffer!  
Oh my sweet maffer! O you memorie  
Of old Sir Rowland! why, what make you here? 4  
Why are you vertuous? Why do people loue you?  
And wherefore are you gentle, strong, and valiant?  
Why would you be so fond, to ouercome  
The bonie prifer of the humorous Duke? 8  
Your praise is come too swiftly home before you.  
Know you not, Master, to some kinde of men,  
Their graces serue them but as enemies?  
No more doe yours: your vertues, gentle Master, 12  
Are sanctified and holy traitors to you.  
Oh, what a world is this, when what is comely  
Enuenoms him that beares it!  
*Orl.* Why, what's the matter?  
*Ad.* O vnhappy youth, 16  
Come not within these doores! within this rooffe  
The enemye of all your graces liues:  
Your brother (no, no brother! yet the sonne . . .  
Yet not the son, I will not call him son 20  
Of him I was about to call his Father)

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21. *Exeunt.*] Exunt F. | bonnie F.  
8. *bonie*] boney Warburton. | 10. *some*] seeme F  
II. ll. 15-21; III. 1-21.] 20

*As you like it.*

Hath heard your praises; and this night he meanes  
To burne the lodging where you vse to lye,  
And you within it: if he faile of that, 24  
He will haue other meanes to cut you off:  
I ouerheard him, and his practises.  
This is no place; this house is but a butcherie:  
Abhorre it, feare it, doe not enter it! 28  
*Orl.* Why, whether, *Adam*, would'st thou haue me go?  
*Ad.* No matter whether, so you come not here.  
*Orl.* What! would'st thou haue me go & beg my food,  
Or, with a base and boistrous Sword, enforce 32  
A theeuish liuing on the common roade?  
This I must do, or know not what to do:  
Yet this I will not do, do how I can;  
I rather will subiect me to the malice 36  
Of a diuerted blood, and bloudie brother.  
*Ad.* But do not so! I haue five hundred Crownes,  
The thriftie hire I faued vnder your Father,  
Which I did store, to be my foster Nurse, 40  
When seruice should in my old limbs lie lame,  
And vnregarded age in corners throwne:  
Take that! and He that doth the Rauens feede,  
Yea, prouidently caters for the Sparrow, 44  
Be comfort to my age! Here is the gold;  
All this I giue you! Let me be your seruant!  
Though I looke old, yet I am strong and lustie;  
For in my youth I neuer did apply 48  
Hot, and rebellious liquors in my blood;  
Nor did not with vnbashfull forehead woe,<sup>1</sup>  
The meanes of weaknesse and debilitie;  
Therefore my age is as a lustie winter, 52  
Frostie, but kindly: let me goe with you!  
He doe the seruice of a yonger man,  
In all your businesse and necessities.  
*Orl.* Oh good old man, how well in thee appears 56  
The constant seruice of the antique world,  
When seruice sweate for dutie, not for meede!  
Thou art not for the fashion of these times,

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29. *Orl.*] *Ad.* F.

<sup>1</sup> *woe* = *wooe* F.

*As you like it.*

Where none will sweate, but for promotion ; And, hauing that, do choake their seruice vp, Euen with the hauing : it is not so with thee. But, poore old man, thou prun'ft a rotten tree, That cannot so much as a bloffome yeelede, In lieu of all thy paines and husbandrie. But come thy waies, weele goe along together ; And ere we haue thy youthfull wages spent, Weele light vpon some fetled low content.	60         68
<i>Ad.</i> Master, goe on, and I will follow thee, To the last gaspe, with truth and loyaltie ! From seauenteene yeeres till now almost fourescore, Here liuèd I, but now liue here no more. At seauenteene yeeres, many their fortunes seeke ; But, at fourescore, it is too late a weeke : Yet fortune cannot recompence me better, Then to die well, and not my Masters debter.	  70  72  74 [Exeunt. 76

*Actus Secundus. Scena Quarta.*

*The Forrest of Arden.*

*Enter ROSALINE for GANIMED, CELIA for ALIENA, and  
Clowne, alias TOUCHSTONE.*

*Rof.* O *Iupiter*, how weary are my spirits !

*Clo.* I care not for my 'spirits,' if my legges were not  
wearie. 3

*Rof.* I could finde in my heart to disgrace my mans ap-  
parell, and to cry like a woman ; but I must comfort the  
weaker vessell, as doublet and hose ought to shew it selfe  
coragious to petty-coate : therefore, courage, good *Aliena* ! 7

*Cel.* I pray you, beare with me ! I cannot goe no further.

*Clo.* For my part, I had rather 'beare' with you, then beare  
you : yet I should beare no crosse, if I did beare you ; for I  
thinke you haue no money in your purse. 11

*Rof.* Well, this is the Forrest of *Arden*.

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71. *seauenteene*] seventeen Rowe. | 1. *weary*] Theobald (Warbur-  
*seauentie* F. | ton). merry F.

*As you like it.*

*Clo.* I, now am I in *Arden*: the more foole I! when I was at home, I was in a better place; but Trauellers must be content. 15

*Rof.* I, be so, good *Touchstone*!

*Enter CORIN and SILVIUS.*

Look you, who comes here! a yong man, and an old, in solemne talke.

*Cor.* That is the way to make her scorne you still. 19

*Sil.* Oh *Corin*, that thou knew'st how I do loue her!

*Cor.* I partly guesse; for I haue lou'd ere now.

*Sil.* No, *Corin*, being old, thou canst not guesse,  
Though in thy youth thou waist as true a loue 23

As euer figh'd vpon a midnight pillow:

But if thy loue were euer like to mine,  
(As sure I thinke did neuer man loue so,)

How many actions most ridiculous, 27  
Hast thou beene drawne to by thy fantasie?

*Cor.* Into a thousand that I haue forgotten.

*Sil.* Oh, thou didst then nere loue so hartily!  
If thou remembrest not the slightest folly 31

That euer loue did make thee run into,  
Thou hast not lou'd!

Or if thou hast not sat as I doe now,  
Wearing thy hearer in thy Mistris praise, 35  
Thou hast not lou'd!

Or if thou hast not broke from companie,  
Abruptly, as my passion now makes me,  
Thou hast not lou'd! 39

O *Phebe*, *Phebe*, *Phebe*! [Exit.

(*Rof.* Alas, poore Shepheard! searching of thy wound,  
I haue (by hard aduenture) found mine owne. 41

*Clo.* And I mine. I remember, when I was in loue, I broke my sword vpon a stone, and bid him take that for comming a night to *Iane Smile*: and I remember the kissing of her batler, and the Cowes dugs that her prettie chopt [46 hands had milk'd: and I remember the wooing of a peascod

16. *Enter . . .* F (after l. 15). | 41. *thy wound*] Rowe. they  
30. *nere*] ne'er Rowe. neuer F. | would F.

*As you like it.*

instead of her, from whom I tooke two cods, and, giuing her them againe, said with weeping teares, 'Weare these for my sake!' Wee, that are true Louers, runne into strange [50 capers; but as all is mortall in nature, so is all nature in loue, mortall in folly.

*Rof.* Thou speak'st wiser then thou art ware of.

*Clo.* Nay, I shall nere be ware of mine owne wit, till I breake my shins against it. 55

*Rof.* *Ioue, Ioue!* this Shepherds passion  
Is much vpon my fashion. 57

*Clo.* And mine; but it growes something stale with mee.

*Cel.* I pray you, one of you question yon'd man,  
If he for gold will giue vs any foode: 60  
I faint almost to death.)

*Clo.* Holla, you Clowne!

*Rof.* Peace, foole! he's not thy kinsman.

*Cor.* Who calls? 61

*Clo.* Your betters, Sir.

*Cor.* Else are they very wretched.

*Rof.* Peace, I say! ¶ Good euen to you, friend! 64

*Cor.* And to you, gentle Sir, and to you all!

*Rof.* I prethee, Shepheard, if that loue or gold  
Can in this desert place buy entertainment,  
Bring vs where we may rest our selues, and feed! 68  
Here's a yong maid, with trauaile much oppressed,  
And faints for succour.

*Cor.* Faire Sir, I pittie her,  
And wish, for her sake more then for mine owne,  
My fortunes were more able to releue her; 72

But I am shepheard to another man,  
And do not sheere the Fleeces that I graze:  
My master is of churlish disposition,  
And little wreakes<sup>1</sup> to finde the way to heauen 76  
By doing deeds of hospitalitie:

Besides, his Coate, his Flockes, and bounds of feede,  
Are now on sale, and at our sheep-coat now,  
By reason of his absence, there is nothing 80  
That you will feed on; but, what is, come see,

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64. *you*] your F.

<sup>1</sup> reckes, cares.

*As you like it.*

And in my voice, most welcome shall you be! 82  
    *Ref.* What is he that shall buy his flocke and pasture?  
    *Cor.* That yong Swaine that you saw heere but erewhile,  
That little cares for buying any thing. 85  
    *Ref.* I pray thee, if it stand with honestie,  
Buy thou the Cottage, pasture, and the flocke!  
And thou shalt haue to pay for it of vs. 88  
    *Cel.* And we will mend thy wages. I like this place,  
And willingly could waste my time in it.  
    *Cor.* Assuredly the thing is to be sold:  
Go with me! if you like, vpon report, 92  
The foile, the profit, and this kinde of life,  
I will your very faithfull Feeder be,  
And buy it with your Gold right sodainly. [Exeunt. 95

*Actus Secundus. Scena Quinta.*

*Another part of the Forrest.*

*Enter AMYENS, IAQUES, & others.*

*Song.*

*Amyens.* Vnder the greene wood tree,  
    *who loues to lye with mee,* 2  
And turne his merrie Note  
    *vnto the sweet Birds throte,* 4  
Come hither! come hither! come hither!  
    *Heere shall he see*  
    *No enimie,*  
But Winter and rough Weather. 8  
    *Iaq.* More, more! I pre'thee, more!  
    *Amy.* It will make you melancholly, Monsieur *Iaques.*  
    *Iaq.* I thanke it. More, I prethee, more! I can sucke  
melancholly out of a song, as a Weazel suckes egges. More,  
I pre'thee, more! 13  
    *Amy.* My voice is ragged: I know I cannot please you!  
    *Iaq.* I do not desire you to please me; I do desire you to  
sing. Come, more! another stanza! Cal you'em 'stanzo's'?

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3. *turne*] turne (turned u) F. tune Rowe (ed. 2).

*As you like it.*

*Amy.* What you wil, Monsieur *Iaques*. 17

*Iaq.* Nay, I care not for their names; they owe mee nothing. Wil you sing?

*Amy.* More at your request, then to please my selfe. 20

*Iaq.* Well then, if euer I thanke any man, Ile thanke you: but that they cal complement is like th'encounter of two dog-Apes. And when a man thankes me hartily, me thinkes I haue giuen him a penie, and he renders me the [24  
beggerly thankes. Come, sing! ¶ and you that wil not, hold your tongues!

*Amy.* Wel, Ile end the song. ¶ Sirs, couer the while! the Duke wil drinke vnder this tree. ¶ He hath bin all this day to looke you. 29

*Iaq.* And I haue bin all this day to auoid him. He is too disputeable for my companie: I thinke of as many matters as he, but I giue Heauen thankes, and make no boast of them. Come, warble, come! 33

Song.

[*Altogether heere.*

*Who doth ambition shunne,  
and loues to liue i'th Sunne;* 35

*Seeking the food he eates,  
and pleas'd with what he gets,* 37

*Come hither! come hither! come hither!  
Heere shall he see, &c.*

*Iaq.* Ile giue you a verse to this note, that I made yesterday in despight of my Inuention. 41

*Amy.* And Ile sing it.

*Iaq.* Thus it goes: [*The rest gather round him.*

*If it do come to passe,  
That any man turne Affe,* 45

*Leauing his wealth and ease,  
A stubborne will to please,* 47

*Ducdamè, ducdamè, ducdamè!  
Heere shall he see*

*Grosse fooles as he,  
And if he will come to me.* 51

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43. *Iaq.*] *Amy.* F.

*As you like it.*

*Amy.* What's that '*Ducdamè*'?

*Iaq.* 'Tis a *Greeke* inuocation, to call fools into a circle.  
He go sleepe, if I can; if I cannot, He raile against all the  
first borne of *Egypt*.

*Amy.* And He go seeke the Duke: his banket is prepar'd.  
[*Exeunt seuerally.*]

*Actus Secundus. Scena Sexta.*

*Another part of the Forrest.*

*Enter ORLANDO & ADAM.*

*Adam.* Deere Master, I can go no further! O, I die for  
food! Heere lie I downe, and measure out my graue.  
Farwel, kinde master!

*Orl.* Why, how now, *Adam*! no greater heart in [4  
thee? Liue a little! comfort a little! cheere thy selfe a  
little! If this vncouth Forrest yeeld any thing sauage, I wil  
either be food for it, or bring it for foode to thee. Thy con-  
ceite is neerer death, then thy powers. For my sake be [8  
comfortable! hold death a while at the armes end! I wil  
heere be with thee presently; and if I bring thee not some-  
thing to eate, I wil giue thee leaue to die: but if thou diest  
before I come, thou art a mocker of my labor. Wel said!<sup>1</sup>  
thou look'ft cheereely, and He be with thee quickly. Yet [13  
thou lieft in the bleake aire. Come, I wil beare thee to some  
shelter; and thou shalt not die for lacke of a dinner, if there  
liue any thing in this Desert. Cheereely, good *Adam*! 16  
[*Exit, bearing ADAM.*]

<sup>1</sup> *Wel said* = Well done, that's  
right. Cf., e. g., *Ant. & Cleo.*,  
IV. iv. 28.

16. *Exit . . . Adam.* Exeunt.  
F.



*As you like it.*

*Actus Secundus. Scena Septima.*

*Another part of the Forrest (the same as in So. v.).  
A Table set out.*

*Enter DUKE SEN., AMIENS, & Lords, like Out-lawes.*

*Du. Sen.* I thinke he be transform'd into a beast; 1  
For I can no where finde him, like a man.

*1. Lord.* My Lord, he is but euen now gone hence: 4  
Heere was he merry, hearing of a Song.

*Du. Sen.* If he, compact of iarres, grow Muficall,  
We shall haue shortly discord in the Spheares.  
Go seeke him! tell him I would speake with him!

*Enter IACQUES.*

*1. Lord.* He saues my labor by his owne approach. 8

*Du. Sen.* Why, how now, Monsieur! what a life is this,  
That your poore friends must woe<sup>1</sup> your companie?  
What, you looke merrily!

*Iaq.* A Foole, a foole! I met a foole i'th Forrest, 12  
A motley Foole; (a miserable world!)

As I do liue by foode, I met a foole,  
Who laid him downe, and bask'd him in the Sun,  
And rail'd on Lady Fortune in good termes, 16  
In good fet termes, and yet a motley foole.

'Good morrow, foole!' (quoth I.) 'No, Sir,' quoth he,  
'Call me not foole, till heauen hath sent me fortune!' 20  
And then he drew a diall from his poake,

And, looking on it with lacke-lustre eye,  
Sayes, very wifely, 'It is ten a clocke:  
Thus we may see' (quoth he) 'how the world waggess: 24  
'Tis but an houre agoe since it was nine,

And, after one houre more, 'twill be eleuen;  
And so, from houre to houre, we ripe, and ripe,  
And then, from houre to houre, we rot, and rot;

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*Lords]* Lord F.

<sup>1</sup> woe = woec.

*As you like it.*

- And thereby hangs a tale.' When I did heare 28  
The motley Foole thus morall on the time,  
My Lungs began to crow like Chanticleere,  
That Fooles should be so deepe contemplatiue;  
And I did laugh, sans intermission, 32  
An houre by his diall. Oh, noble foole!  
A worthy foole! Motley's the onely weare!  
*Du. Sen.* What foole is this?  
*Iaq.* O worthe Foole! One that hath bin a Courtier, 36  
And sayes, if Ladies be but yong, and faire,  
They haue the gift to know it: and in his braine,  
(Which is as drie as the remainder bisket  
After a voyage,) he hath strange places cram'd 40  
With obseruation, the which he vents  
In mangled formes. O that I were a foole!  
I am ambitious for a motley coat.  
*Du. Sen.* Thou shalt haue one.  
*Iaq.* It is my onely sute; 44  
Prouided that you weed your better iudgements  
Of all opinion that growes rauke in them,  
That I am wise. I must haue liberty  
Withall, as large a Charter as the winde, 48  
To blow on whom I please; for so fooles haue:  
And they that are most gaul'd with my folly,  
They most must laugh. And why, sir, must they so?  
The 'why' is plaine as way to Parish Church. 52  
Hee, that a Foole doth (very wisely) hit,  
Doth (very foolishly, although he smart)  
Seeme senselesse of the bob; if not,  
The Wife-mans folly is anathomiz'd 56  
Euen by the squandring glances of the foole.  
Inuest me in my motley! Giue me leaue  
To speake my minde! and I will through and through  
Cleanse the foule bodie of th'infected world, 60  
If they will patiently receiue my medicine.  
*Du. Sen.* Fie on thee! I can tell what thou wouldst do.  
*Iaq.* What, for a Counter, would I do, but good?  
*Du. Sen.* Most mischeeuous foule sin, in chiding sin: 64

38. *braine*] *braiue* (turned *n*) F.

48. *Withall*] *Wiithall* F.

64. *sin*] *sin* F.

*As you like it.*

For thou thy selfe hast bene a Libertine,  
As sensuall as the brutish sting it selfe;  
And all th'imboss'd fores, and headed euils,  
That thou with license of free foot hast caught, 68  
Would'ft thou disgorge into the generall world.

*Iaq.* Why, who cries out on pride,  
That can therein taxe any priuate party?  
Doth it not flow as hugely as the Sea, 72  
Till that the wearers verie meanes do ebbe?  
What woman in the Citie do I name,  
When that I say the City woman beares  
The cost of Princes on vnworthy shoulders? 76  
Who can come in, and say that I meane her,  
When such a one as shee, such is her neighbor?  
Or what is he of basest function,  
That sayes his brauerie is not on my cost, 80  
(Thinking that I meane him,) but therein suites  
His folly to the mettle of my speech?  
'There then!' 'How then? what then!' Let me see wherein  
My tongue hath wrong'd him: if it do him right, 84  
Then he hath wrong'd himselfe; if he be free,  
Why, then my taxing, like a wild-goose, flies,  
Vnclaim'd of any man.—But who comes here?

*Enter ORLANDO, with his sword drawn.*

*Orl.* Forbeare, and eate no more!  
*Iaq.* Why, I haue eate none yet. 88  
*Orl.* Nor shalt not, till necessity be seru'd.  
*Iaq.* Of what kinde should this Cocke come of?  
*Du. Sen.* Art thou thus bolden'd, man, by thy distres,  
Or else a rude despiser of good manners, 92  
That in ciuility thou seem'ft so emptie?  
*Orl.* You touch'd my veine at first: the thorny point  
Of bare distresse hath tane from me the shew  
Of smooth ciuility: yet am I in-land bred, 96

72. the] the F.	of wear do ebb Collier MS. Till
73. wearers] Singer. wearie F.	that the means, the very means do
Till that the very very means do	ebb Swynfen Jervis conj.
ebb Pope. Till that the very means	87. comes] F2. come F.

*As you like it.*

And know some nourture. But forbear, I say!

He dies that touches any of this fruite,

Till I and my affaires are answer'd.

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*Iaq.* And you will not be answer'd with reason, I must dye.

*Du. Sen.* What would you haue? Your gentleness shall  
force,

More then your force moue vs to gentleness.

*Orl.* I almost die for food; and let me haue it!

*Du. Sen.* Sit downe and feed, & welcom to our table! 104

*Orl.* Speake you so gently? Pardon me, I pray you!

I thought that all things had bin sauage heere;

And therefore put I on the countenance

Of sterne command'ment. But what ere you are, 108

(That in this desert inaccessible,

Vnder the shade of melancholly boughes,

Loose and neglect the creeping houres of time,)

If euer you haue look'd on better dayes, 112

If euer beene where bells haue knoll'd to Church,

If euer sate at any good mans feast,

If euer from your eye-lids wip'd a teare,

And know what 'tis to pittie, and be pittied, 116

Let gentleness my strong enforcement be!

In the which hope, I blush, and hide my Sword.

*Du. Sen.* True is it, that we haue seene better dayes;

And haue with holy bell bin knowld to Church; 120

And sat at good mens feasts; and wip'd our eies

Of drops that sacred pity hath engendred:

And therefore sit you downe in gentleness,

And take vpon command what helpe we haue, 124

That to your wanting may be ministred!

*Orl.* Then but forbear your food a little while!

Whiles (like a Doe) I go to finde my Fawne,

And giue it food. There is an old poore man, 128

Who after me, hath many a weary steppe

Limpt in pure loue: till he be first suffic'd,

(Opprest with two weake euils, age, and hunger,)

I will not touch a bit!

*Duke Sen.*

Go finde him out!

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113. *beene*] *scene* F.

132. *finde*] *sinde* F.

*As you like it.*

And we will nothing waste till you returne.

*Orl.* I thanke ye; and be blest for your good comfort!  
[*Exit.*]

*Du. Sen.* Thou seest, we are not all alone vnhappy:  
This wide and vniuersall Theater 136  
Presents more wofull Pageants then the Sceane  
Wherein we play in.

*Ia.* All the world's a stage,  
And all the men and women meere Players:  
They haue their *Exits* and their Entrances; 140  
And one man in his time playes many parts,  
His *Acts* being seuen ages. At first, the Infant,  
Mewling, and puking in the Nurfes armes.  
Then, the whining Schoole-boy, with his Satchell, 144  
And shining morning face, creeping like snail  
Vnwillingly to schoole. And then, the Louer,  
Sighing like Furnace, with a wofull ballad  
Made to his Mistrresse eye-brow. Then, a Soldier, 148  
Full of strange oaths, and bearded like the Pard,  
Ielous in honor, sodaine and quicke in quarrell,  
Seeking the bubble Reputation  
Euen in the Canons mouth. And then, the Iustice 152  
In faire round belly, with good Capon lin'd,  
With eyes seuered, and beard of formall cut,  
Full of wise sawes, and moderne instances;  
And so he playes his part. The sixth age shifts 156  
Into the leane and slipper'd Pantaloeone,  
With spectacles on nose, and pouch on side,  
His youthfull hose, well sau'd, a world too wide  
For his shrunke shanke; and his bigge manly voice 160  
(Turning againe toward childish treble) pipes  
And whistles in his sound. Last Scene of all,  
That ends this strange euentfull historie,  
Is second childishnesse, and meere obliuion, 164  
Sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans euery thing!

*Re-enter ORLANDO, with ADAM.*

*Du. Sen.* Welcome! Set downe your venerable burthen,  
And let him feede!

II. vii. 133-167.]

*As you like it.*

*Orl.* I thanke you most for him.

*Ad.* So had you neede, 168

¶ I scarce can speake to thanke you for my selfe.

*Du. Sen.* Welcome! fall to! I wil not trouble you

As yet, to question you about your fortunes.

¶ Giue vs some Musicke! ¶ and, good Cozen, sing! 172

Song.

*Amyens.* Blow, blow, thou winter winde!

Thou art not so vnkinde 174

As mans ingratitude;

Thy tooth is not so keene,

Because thou art not seene,

Although thy breath be rude. 178

Heigh ho! sing, heigh ho! vnto the greene holly:

Most Frendship is fayning; most Louing, meere folly: 180

Then, heigh ho, the holly!

This Life is most iolly. 182

Freize, freize, thou bitter skie!

That dost not bight so nigh 184

As benefitts forgot;

Though thou the waters warpe,

Thy sting is not so sharpe

As freind remembred not. 188

Heigh ho! sing, &c.

*Duke Sen.* If that you were the good Sir Rowlands son,

(As you haue whisper'd faithfully you were;

And as mine eye doth his effigies witnesse, 192

Most truly limn'd, and liuing in your face,)

Be truly welcome hither! I am the Duke

That lou'd your Father: the residue of your fortune,

Go to my Caue, and tell mee! ¶ Good old man, 196

Thou art right welcome, as thy master is!

¶ Support him by the arme! ¶ Giue me your hand,

And let me all your fortunes vnderstand. [Exeunt. 199

170. *to*] too F.

181. *Then,*] Rowe. The F.

190, 191. *were* . . . *were*] F.

| are . . . are Hudson (Dyce conj.).

197. *master*] masters F.

*As you like it*

*Actus Tertius. Scena Prima.*

*A Room in the Palace.*

*Enter DUKE FREDERICK, Lords, & OLIVER.*

*Du. F.* 'Not see him since'? Sir, fir, that cannot be! 1  
But were I not the better part made mercie,  
I should not seeke an absent argument  
Of my reuenge, thou present. But looke to it! 4  
Finde out thy brother, wherefoere he is!  
Seeke him with Candle! bring him, dead, or liuing,  
Within this tweluemonth, or turne thou no more  
To seeke a liuing in our Territorie! 8  
Thy Lands, and all things that thou dost call thine,  
Worth feizure, do we feize into our hands,  
Till thou canst quit thee, by thy brothers mouth,  
Of what we thinke against thee. 12  
*Ol.* Oh that your Highnesse knew my heart in this!  
I neuer lou'd my brother in my life.  
*Duke F.* More villaine thou! ¶ Well, push him out of dores!  
And let my officers of such a nature 16  
Make an extent vpon his house and Lands!  
Do this expediently, and turne him going! [*Exeunt.*

*Actus Tertius. Scena Secunda.*

*The Forrest.*

*Enter ORLANDO, with a Paper.*

*Orl.* Hang there, my verse, in witnesse of my loue! 1  
And thou, thrice crown'd Queene of night, suruey  
With thy chaste eye, from thy pale spheare aboue,  
Thy Huntresse name, that my full life doth sway! 4  
O *Rosalind*! these Trees shall be my Bookes, 5  
And in their barkes my thoughts Ile charracter;

III. l. 1-18; II. 1-6.]

*As you like it.*

That euerie eye, which in this Forrest lookes,

Shall see thy vertue witneſt euery where.

8

Run, run, *Orlando*! carue, on euery Tree,

The faire, the chaſte, and vnexpreſſiue ſhee!

[*Exit.* 10]

*Enter* CORIN & Clowne.

*Co.* And how like you this ſhepherds life, *Maſter Touchſtone*?

*Clow.* Truly, Shepheard, in reſpect of it ſelfe, it is a [12  
good life; but in reſpect that it is a ſhepherds life, it is  
naught. In reſpect that it is ſolitary, I like it verie well;  
but in reſpect that it is priuate, it is a very vild life. Now,  
in reſpect it is in the fields, it pleaſeth mee well; but in [16  
reſpect it is not in the Court, it is tedious. As it is a ſpare  
life, (looke you,) it fits my humor well; but as there is no  
more plentie in it, it goes much againſt my ſtomacke. Haſ't  
any Philoſophie in thee, Shepheard? 20

*Cor.* No more, but that I know, the more one ſickens, the  
worſe at eaſe he is; and that hee that wants money, meanes,  
and content, is without three good frends. That the propertie  
of raine is to wet, and fire to burne. That good paſture [24  
makes fat ſheepe; and that a great cauſe of the night, is lacke  
of the Sunne. That hee that hath learned no wit by Nature,  
nor Art, may complaine of good breeding, or comes of a very  
dull kindred. 28

*Clow.* Such a one is a naturall Philoſopher. Was't euer in  
Court, Shepheard?

*Cor.* No, truly.

*Clow.* Then thou art damn'd.

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*Cor.* Nay, I hope, . . .

*Clow.* Truly, thou art damn'd; like an ill roaſted Egge, all  
on one ſide.

*Cor.* For not being at Court? Your reaſon! 36

*Clow.* Why, if thou neuer was't at Court, thou neuer ſaw'ſt  
good manners; if thou neuer ſaw'ſt good maners, then thy  
manners muſt be wicked; and wickednes is ſin, and ſinne is  
damnation. Thou art in a parlous ſtate, Shepheard. 40

*Cor.* Not a whit, *Touchſtone*! thoſe, that are good maners  
at the Court, are as ridiculous in the Countrey, as the behaiour



*As you like it.*

of the Countrie is most mockeable at the Court. You told me, you salute not at the Court, but you kisse your [44 hands: that courtesie would be vncleanlie, if Courtiers were shepheards.

*Clo.* Instance, briefly! come, instance!

*Cor.* Why, we are still handling our Ewes; and their Fels, you know, are greasie. 49

*Clo.* Why, do not your Courtiers hands sweate? and is not the grease of a Mutton as wholesome as the sweat of a man? Shallow, shallow! A better instance, I say; Come!

*Cor.* Besides, our hands are hard. 53

*Clo.* Your lips wil feele them the sooner. Shallow agen! A more fonder instance, come!

*Cor.* And they are often tarr'd ouer with the surgery of our sheepe; and would you haue vs kisse Tarre? The Courtiers hands are perfum'd with Ciuet. 58

*Clo.* Most shallow man! Thou wormes meate, in respect of a good peece of flesh, indeed! Learne of the wise, and perpend! Ciuet is of a baser birth then Tarre; the verie vncleanly fluxe of a Cat. Mend the instance, Shepheard! 62

*Cor.* You haue too Courtly a wit for me: Ile rest.

*Clo.* Wilt thou rest damn'd? God helpe thee, shallow man! God make incision in thee! thou art raw.

*Cor.* Sir, I am a true Labourer: I earne that I eate, [66 get that I weare; owe no man hate, enuie no mans happinesse; glad of other mens good, content with my harme; and the greatest of my pride, is to see my Ewes graze, & my Lambes sucke. 70

*Clo.* That is another simple finne in you, to bring the Ewes and the Rammes together, and to offer to get your liuing by the copulation of Cattle; to be bawd to a Bel-weather, and to betray a shee-Lambe of a tweluemonth to a crooked- [74 pated, olde, Cuckoldly Ramme, out of all reasonable match. If thou bee'st not damn'd for this, the diuell himselfe will haue no shepherds; I cannot see else how thou shouldst scape. 78

*Cor.* Heere comes yong *Master Ganimed*, my new Mistrisfes Brother.

*As you like it.*

*Enter ROSALIND, reading a Paper*

*Rof. From the east to westerne Inde,  
no iewel is like Rosalinde.* 82

*Hir worth, being mounted on the winde,  
through all the world beares Rosalinde.* 84

*All the pictures, fairest linde,  
are but blacke to Rosalinde.* 86

*Let no face bee kept in mind,  
but the faire of Rosalinde!* 88

*Clo. Ile rime you fo, eight yeares together; dinners, and  
suppers, and sleeping hours excepted: it is the right Butter-  
womens ranke<sup>1</sup> to Market.*

*Rof. Out, Foole!* 92

*Clo. For a taste:*

*If a Hart doe lacke a Hinde,  
let him seeke out Rosalinde!* 95

*If the Cat will after kinde,  
so, be sure, will Rosalinde.* 97

*Wintred garments must be linde,  
so must slender Rosalinde.* 99

*They that reap must sheafe and binde;  
then to cart with Rosalinde!* 101

*Sweetest nut hath fourest rinde,  
such a nut is Rosalinde.* 103

*He that sweetest rose will finde,  
must finde Loues pricke, & Rosalinde!* 105

*This is the verie false gallop of Verses: why doe you infect  
your selfe with them?*

*Rof. Peace, you dull foole! I found them on a tree.*

*Clo. Truly, the tree yeelds bad fruite!* 109

*Rof. Ile graffe it with you, and then I shall graffe it with  
a Medler: then it will be the earliest fruit i'th country; for  
you'l be rotten ere you bee halfe ripe, and that's the right  
vertue of the Medler.* 113

*Clo. You haue said; but whether wifely or no, let the  
Forrest iudge!*

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<sup>1</sup> *ranke* = file. *rate* Hanmer. *Farne*, I. xxviii. 134) Aldis Wright  
*rack* (a pace 'which is neither trot  
nor amble'.—Markham's *Countrie* conj.

*As you like it.*

*Enter CELIA, with a writing.*

*Rof.* Peace!  
 Here comes my sifter, reading: stand aside!

*Cel.* [*reads*] *Why should this a Desert bee ?* 118  
*for it is vnpeopled ? Noe !*  
*Tonges Ile hang on euerie tree,*  
*that shall ciuill sayings shoe :* 121  
*Some, how brieft the Life of man* 122  
*runs his erring pilgrimage,*  
*That the stretching of a span*  
*buckles in his summe of age ;* 125  
*Some, of violated vowes* 126  
*twixt the soules of friend and friend .*  
*But vpon the fairest bowes,*  
*or at euerie sentence end,* 129  
*Will I Rosalinda write,* 130  
*teaching all that reade, to know*  
*The quintessence of euerie sprite,*  
*Heauen would in little show.* 133  
*Therefore, Heauen Nature charg'd,* 134  
*that one bodie should be fill'd*  
*With all Graces wide enlarg'd :*  
*Nature presently distill'd* 137  
*Helens cheeke, but not hir heart,* 138  
*Cleopatra's Maiestie,*  
*Attalanta's better part,*  
*fad Lucrecia's Modestie.* 141  
*Thus Rosalinde, of manie parts,* 142  
*by Heauenly Synode was deuis'd ;*  
*Of manie faces, eyes, and hearts,*  
*to haue the touches deereft pris'd.* 145  
*Heauen would that shee these gifts should haue,*  
*and I to liue and die her slaue.* 147

*Rof.* O most gentle *Iupiter !* what tedious homilie of Loue  
 haue you wearied your parishioners withall, and neuer cri'de,  
 'Haue patience, good people !' 150

118. *a*] Rowe.  
 III. ll. 116-150.]

138. *hir*] her Rowe. his F.  
 38

*As you like it.*

*Cel.* [to *Clo.* & *Cor.*] How now! backe, friends! Shepheard, go off a little! ¶ Go with him, firrah!

*Clo.* Come, Shepheard! let vs make an honorable retraits; though not with bagge and baggage, yet with scrip and scrippage. [Exeunt *CORIN* & *TOUCHSTONE.* 155]

*Cel.* Didst thou heare these verses?

*Rof.* O, yes, I heard them all, and more too; for some of them had in them more feete then the Verses would beare.

*Cel.* That's no matter: the feet might beare y<sup>e</sup> verses. 159

*Rof.* I, but the feet were lame, and could not beare themselves without the verse, and therefore stood lamely in the verse. 162

*Cel.* But didst thou heare without wondering, how thy name should be hang'd and carued vpon these trees?

*Rof.* I was feuen of the nine daies out of the wonder, before you came; for looke heere what I found on a Palme tree! [166] *[Shewing the Paper]* I was neuer so berim'd since *Pythagoras* time, that I was an *Irish* Rat, which I can hardly remember.

*Cel.* Tro<sup>1</sup> you who hath done this? 169

*Rof.* Is it a man?

*Cel.* And a chaine, that you once wore, about his neck. Change you colour?

*Rof.* I pre'thee, who? 173

*Cel.* O Lord, Lord! it is a hard matter for friends to meete; but Mountaines may bee remoou'd with Earthquakes, and so encounter.

*Rof.* Nay, but who is it? 177

*Cel.* Is it possible?

*Rof.* Nay, I pre'thee now, with most petitionary vehemence, tell me who it is! 180

*Cel.* O wonderfull, wonderfull! and most wonderfull wonderfull! and yet againe wonderful! and after that out of all hooping!<sup>2</sup> 183

*Rof.* Good my complection! dost thou think, though I am caparison'd like a man, I haue a doublet and hose in my disposition? One inch of delay more is a South-sea of discouerie. I pre'thee tell me who is it, quickly, and speake apace! [187]

155. *Exeunt* . . . *Touchstone.*] Exit. F.

<sup>1</sup> *Tro* = Trow.

<sup>2</sup> *hooping* = whooping.

*As you like it.*

I would thou couldst stammer, that thou might'st powre this conceal'd man out of thy mouth, as Wine comes out of a narrow-mouth'd bottle; either too much at once, or none at all! I pre'thee take the Corke out of thy mouth, that I may drinke thy tydings! 192

*Cel.* So you may put a man in your belly.

*Rof.* Is he of Gods making? What manner of man? Is his head worth a hat? Or his chin worth a beard?

*Cel.* Nay, he hath but a little beard. 196

*Rof.* Why, God will fend more, if the man will bee thankful: let me stay the growth of his beard, if thou delay me not the knowledge of his chin!

*Cel.* It is yong *Orlando*, that tript vp the Wraftlers heeles, and your heart, both in an instant. 201

*Rof.* Nay, but the diuell take mocking! speake, fadde brow and true maid!

*Cel.* I'faith, (Coz,) tis he.

*Rof.* *Orlando*? 205

*Cel.* *Orlando*.

*Rof.* Alas the day! what shall I do with my doublet & hose? What did he when thou saw'st him? What sayde he? How look'd he? Wherein went he? What [209 makes hee heere? Did he aske for me? Where remaines he? How parted he with thee? And when shalt thou see him againe? Answer me in one vvord! 212

*Cel.* You must borrow me *Gargantuas* mouth first: 'tis a 'Word' too great for any mouth of this Ages size. To say 'I' and 'no,' to these particulars, is more then to answer in a Catechisme. 216

*Rof.* But doth he know that I am in this Forrest, and in mans apparrell? Looks he as freshly, as he did the day he Wraftled? 219

*Cel.* It is as easie to count Atomies as to resolute the propositions of a Louer; but take a taste of my finding him, and relish it with good obseruance! I found him vnder a tree, like a drop'd Acorne. 223

*Rof.* It may vvel be cal'd *Ioues* tree, when it droppes forth such fruite.

*As you like it.*

*Cel.* Giue me audience, good Madam !

*Rof.* Proceed !

227

*Cel.* There lay hee, stretch'd along, like a Wounded Knight.

*Rof.* Though it be pittie to see such a fight, it vvell becomes the ground.

231

*Cel.* Cry 'holla!' to the tongue, I prethee! it curuettes vnseasonably. He was furnish'd like a Hunter.

*Rof.* O, ominous! he comes to kill my Hart.

234

*Cel.* I would sing my song without a burthen: thou bring'st me out of tune.

*Rof.* Do you not know I am a woman? when I thinke, I must speake. Sweet, say on!

238

*Cel.* You bring me out. Soft! comes he not heere?

*Rof.* 'Tis he! flinke by, and note him!

[*CELIA and ROSALIND retire.*]

*Enter ORLANDO & IAQUES.*

*Iaq.* I thanke you for your company; but, good faith, I had as lief haue beene my selfe alone.

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*Orl.* And so had I; but yet, for fashion sake, I thanke you too for your societie.

*Iaq.* God buy<sup>1</sup> you! let's meet as little as we can.

*Orl.* I do desire we may be better strangers.

246

*Iaq.* I pray you, marre no more trees vvith Writing Louefongs in their barks!

*Orl.* I pray you, marre no moe of my verses with reading them ill-fauouredly!

250

*Iaq.* *Rosalinde* is your loues name?

*Orl.* Yes, Iust.

*Iaq.* I do not like her name.

253

*Orl.* There was no thought of pleasing you when she was christen'd.

*Iaq.* What stature is she of?

*Orl.* Iust as high as my heart.

257

*Iaq.* You are ful of prety anfwers. Haue you not bin acquainted with goldsmiths wiues, & cond them out of rings?

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240. *Enter . . .* ] F (after line 238).

<sup>1</sup> *buy* = be with.

*As you like it.*

*Orl.* Not so! but I answer you right painted cloath, from whence you haue studied your questions. 261

*Iaq.* You haue a nimble wit: I thinke 'twas made of *Attalanta's* heeles. Will you fitte downe with me? and wee two will raile against our Mistris the world, and all our miserie. 265

*Orl.* I wil chide no breather in the world but my selfe, against whom I know most faults.

*Iaq.* The worst fault you haue, is to be in loue.

*Orl.* 'Tis a fault I will not change for your best vertue. I am wearie of you. 270

*Iaq.* By my troth, I was seeking for a Foole, when I found you.

*Orl.* He is drown'd in the brooke: looke but in, and you shall see him! 274

*Iaq.* There I shal see mine owne figure.

*Orl.* Which I take to be either a foole, or a Cipher.

*Iaq.* Ile tarrie no longer with you: Farewell, good Signior Loue! 278

*Orl.* I am glad of your departure: Adieu, good Monsieur *Melancholly!*

[*Exit IAQUES. CELIA and ROSALIND come forward.*

*Rof.* [*aside to CELIA*] I wil speake to him like a fawcie Lacky, and vnder that habit play the knaue with him. ¶ Do you hear, Forrestre? 283

*Orl.* Verie wel! What would you?

*Rof.* I pray you, what i't a clocke?

*Orl.* You should aske me 'what time o'day': there's no 'clocke' in the Forrest. 287

*Rof.* Then there is no true Louer in the Forrest; else fighting euerie minute, and groaning euerie houre, wold detect the lazie foot of Time as wel as a clocke. 290

*Orl.* And why not the swift foote of Time? Had not that bin as proper? 292

*Rof.* By no meanes, sir: Time trauels in diuers paces, with diuers persons. Ile tel you who Time ambles withall, who Time trots withal, who Time gallops withal, and who he stands stil withall. 296

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267. *most*] *most* F.

*As you like it.*

*Orl.* I prethee, who doth he trot withal?

*Rof.* Marry, he trots hard with a yong maid between the contract of her marriage, and the day it is solemnizd: if the interim be but a fennight, Times pace is so hard, that it seemes the length of seuen yeare. 301

*Orl.* Who ambles Time withal?

*Rof.* With a Priest that lacks *Latine*, and a rich man that hath not the Gowt; for the one sleepes easily, because he cannot study; and the other liues merrily, because he feelles no paine: the one lacking the burthen of leane and [306] wasteful Learning; the other knowing no burthen of heauie tedious penurie. These Time ambles withal.

*Orl.* Who doth he gallop withal? 309

*Rof.* With a theefe to the gallowes; for though hee go as softly as foot can fall, he thinkes himselfe too soon there.

*Orl.* Who staies it stil withal? 312

*Rof.* With Lawiers in the vacation; for they sleepe betweene Terme and Terme, and then they perceiue not how Time moues.

*Orl.* Where dwel you, prettie youth? 316

*Rof.* With this Shepheardeffe, my sifter; heere in the skirts of the Forrest, like fringe vpon a petticoat.

*Orl.* Are you natue of this place? 319

*Rof.* As the Conie that you see dwell where shee is kindled.

*Orl.* Your accent is something finer then you could purchase in so remoued a dwelling. 323

*Rof.* I haue bin told so of many: but, indeed, an olde religious Vnckle of mine taught me to speake, who was in his youth an inland man; one that knew Courtship too well, for there he fel in loue. I haue heard him read many [327] Lectors<sup>1</sup> against it; and I thanke God I am not a Woman, to be touch'd with so many giddie offences as hee hath generally tax'd their whole sex withal. 330

*Orl.* Can you remember any of the principall euils that he laid to the charge of women?

*Rof.* There were none principal: they were all like one another, as halfe pence are; euerie one fault seeming monstrous, til his fellow-fault came to match it. 335

<sup>1</sup> *Lectors* = lectures.



*As you like it.*

*Orl.* I prethee, recount some of them!

*Rof.* No, I wil not cast away my phyfick but on thofe that are ficke. There is a man haunts the Forreft, that abufes our yong plants with caruing '*Rofalinde*' on their barkes; hangs Oades vpon Hawthornes, and Elegies on brambles; all [340 (forfooth) deifying the name of '*Rofalinde*.' If I could meet that Fancie-monger, I would giue him fome good counfel, for he feemes to haue the Quotidian of Loue vpon him. 343

*Orl.* I am he that is fo Loue-shak'd: I pray you, tel me your remedie! 345

*Rof.* There is none of my Vnckles markes vpon you: he taught me how to know a man in loue; in which cage of rufhes, I am fure, you are not prifoner.

*Orl.* What were his markes? 349

*Rof.* A leane cheeke, which you haue not; a blew eie and funken, which you haue not; an vnqueftionable<sup>1</sup> fpirit, which you haue not; a beard neglected, which you haue not; (but I pardon you for that, for, fimplly, your hauing in beard [353 is a yonger brothers reuennew:) then your hofe fhould be vngarter'd, your bonnet vnbande, your fleeue vnbutton'd, your fhoo vnti'de, and euerie thing about you demonftrating a carelefse defolation. But you are no fuch man; you [357 are rather point deuice in your accoutrements, as louing your felfe, then feeming the Louer of any other.

*Orl.* Faire youth, I would I could make thee beleue, I Loue! 361

*Rof.* Me beleue it! You may affoone make her that you Loue, beleue it; which, I warrant, ſhe is apter to do then to confefſe ſhe do's: that is one of the points in the which women ſtil giue the lie to their confciences. But, in [365 good ſooth, are you he that hangs the verſes on the Trees, wherein *Rofalind* is ſo admired?

*Orl.* I ſweare to thee, youth, by the white hand of *Rofalind*, I am that he, that vnfortunate he! 369

*Ros.* But are you ſo much in loue as your rimes ſpeak?

*Orl.* Neither rime nor reaſon can expreſſe how much!

*Rof.* Loue is meerele a madneſſe, and, I tel you, deferues

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341 *deifying*] F2. *defying* F. 348. *are*] art F.  
<sup>1</sup> *unquestionable* = inconvertible.

*As you like it.*

as wel a darke house, and a whip, as madmen do: and the reason why they are not so punish'd and cured is, that the Lunacie is so ordinarie, that the whippers are in loue too. Yet I professe curing it by counsel. 376

*Orl.* Did you euer cure any so?

*Rof.* Yes, one; and in this manner. Hee was to imagine me his Loue, his Mistris; and I set him euerie day to woe<sup>1</sup> me. At which time would I, being but a moonish youth, greeue, be effeminate, changeable, longing and liking, [381 proud, fantastical, apish, shallow, inconstant, full of teares, full of smiles; for euerie passion something, and for no passion truly any thing; (as boyes and women are, for the most part, cattle of this colour;) would now like him, now loath [385 him; then entertaine him, then forswear him; now weepe for him, then spit at him: that I draue my Sutor from his mad humor of loue to a liuing humor of madnes; which was, to forswear the full stream of y<sup>e</sup> world, and to liue in a [389 nooke meerly Monastick. And thus I cur'd him; and this way wil I take vpon mee to wash your Liuer as cleane as a found sheepes heart, that there shal not be one spot of Loue in't! 393

*Orl.* I would not be cured, youth.

*Rof.* I would cure you, if you would but call me *Rosalind*, and come euerie day to my Coat,<sup>2</sup> and woe me. 396

*Orlan.* Now, by the faith of my loue, I will! Tel me where it is!

*Rof.* Go with me to it, and Ile shew it you! and, by the way, you shal tell me where in the Forrest you liue. Wil you go? 401

*Orl.* With all my heart, good youth!

*Rof.* Nay, you must call mee *Rosalind*. ¶ Come, sister, will you go? [Exeunt. 404

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<sup>1</sup> woe = woove.

<sup>2</sup> Coat = cote, cottage.

*As you like it.*

*Actus Tertius. Scœna Tertia.*

*Another part of the Forrest.*

*Enter Clowne, AUDREY; & IACQUES behind.*

*Clo.* Come apace, good *Audrey*! I wil fetch vp your Goates, *Audrey*! And how, *Audrey*? am I the man yet? doth my simple feature<sup>1</sup> content you?

*Aud.* Your 'features'! Lord warrant vs! what features? 4

*Clo.* I am heere with thee, and thy Goats, as the most capricious Poet, honest *Ouid*, was among the *Gothes*.

(*Iaq.* [*aside*] O knowledge ill inhabited, worfe then *Ioue* in a thatch'd house!) 8

*Clo.* When a mans verses cannot be vnderstood, nor a mans good wit seconded with the forward childe, Vnderstanding, it strikes a man more dead then a great reckoning in a little roome. Truly, I would the Gods hadde made thee poetically!

*Aud.* I do not know what 'Poetical' is: is it honest in deed and word? is it a true thing? 14

*Clo.* No, trulie; for the truest poetrie is the most faining; and Louers are giuen to Poetrie; and what they sweare in Poetrie, may be said, (as Louers,) they do feigne.

*Aud.* Do you wish, then, that the Gods had made me Poetical? 19

*Clow.* I do, truly; for thou swear'st to me thou art honest: Now, if thou wert a Poet, I might haue some hope thou didst feigne.

*Aud.* Would you not haue me honest? 23

*Clo.* No, truly, vnlesse thou wert hard fauour'd; for honestie coupled to beautie, is to haue Honie a sawce to Sugar.

(*Iaq.* A materiall foole!) 27

*Aud.* Well, I am not faire; and therefore I pray the Gods make me honest.

*Clo.* Truly, and to cast away honestie vpon a foule flut, were to put good meate into an vncleane dish. 31

*Aud.* I am not a flut, though (I thanke the Goddess!) I am foule. 33

<sup>1</sup> *feature* = making, composition of verses.

*As you like it.*

*Clo.* Well, praised be the Gods for thy foulneffe! fluttish-  
neffe may come heereafter. But be it as it may bee, I will  
marrie thee: and to that end, I haue bin with Sir *Oliuer*  
*Mar-text*, the Vicar of the next village; who hath pro- [37  
mis'd to meete me in this place of the Forrest, and to  
couple vs.

(*Iaq.* I would faine see this meeting.)

*Aud.* Wel, the Gods giue vs ioy!

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*Clo.* Amen! A man may, if he were of a fearful heart,  
stagger in this attempt; for heere wee haue no Temple but  
the wood, no assembly but horne-beasts. But what though?  
Courage! As hornes are odious, they are necessarie. It [45  
is said, 'many a man knowes no end of his goods:' right;  
many a man has good Hornes, and knows no end of them.  
Well, that is the dowrie of his wife; 'tis none of his owne  
getting. Hornes? euen so: poore men alone? No, no! [49  
the noblest Deere hath them as huge as the Rascall. Is  
the fingle man therefore blessed? No: as a wall'd Towne  
is more worthier then a village, so is the forehead of a married  
man more honourable then the bare brow of a Batchel- [53  
ler; and by how much defence is better then no skill, by fo  
much is a horne more precious then to want. Heere comes  
Sir *Oliuer*!

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*Enter* Sir *OLIVER MAR-TEXT*.

Sir *Oliuer Mar-text*, you are wel met! Will you dispatch  
vs heere vnder this tree, or shal we go with you to your  
Chappell?

*Ol.* Is there none heere to giue the woman? 60

*Clo.* I wil not take her on guift of any man.

*Ol.* Truly, she must be giuen, or the marriage is not  
lawfull.

*Iaq.* [*advancing*] Proceed, proceede! Ile giue her. 64

*Clo.* Good euen, good *Maister* What-ye-cal't! how do you,  
Sir? [*Iaq.* takes off his hat] You are verie well met: God-  
dild you for your last companie! I am verie glad to see you:  
(euen a toy in hand heere, Sir:) Nay, pray be couer'd! 68

*Iaq.* Wil you be married, Motley?

*Clo.* As the Oxe hath his bow, fir, the horse his curb, and

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56. *Enter . . .* ] F (after *want*).

*As you like it.*

the Falcon her bels, so man hath his desires; and as Pigeons bill, so wedlocke would be nibling. 72

*Iaq.* And wil you (being a man of your breeding) be married vnder a bush, like a begger? Get you to church, and haue a good Priest that can tel you what marriage is! this fellow wil but ioyn you together as they ioyn [76 Wainscot; then one of you wil proue a shrunke pannell, and, like greene timber, warpe, warpe. 78

*Clo.* I am not in the minde but I were better to bee married of him then of another: for he is not like to marrie me wel; and not being wel married, it wil be a good excuse for me heereafter to leaue my wife. 82

*Iaq.* Goe thou with mee, and let me counfel thee!

*Clo.* Come, sweete *Audrey*!

We must be married, or we must liue in baudrey. 85

¶ Farewel, good *Master Oliuer*! not,

O sweet *Oliuer*,

O braue *Oliuer*,

Leaue me not behind thee! 89

but,

Winde away,

Bee gone, I say, 92

I wil not to wedding with thee!

[*Exeunt IAQUES, Clowne, and AUDREY.*

*Ol.* 'Tis no matter: Ne're a fantastical knaue of them all shal flout me out of my calling! [*Exit.* 95

*Actus Tertius. Scena Quarta.*

*Another part of the Forrest. Before a Cottage.*

*Enter ROSALIND & CELIA.*

*Rof.* Neuer talke to me! I wil weepe! 1

*Cel.* Do, I prethee! but yet haue the grace to confider that teares do not become a man.

*Rof.* But haue I not cause to weepe? 4

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84. *Clo.*] *Ol. F.*

93. *Exeunt . . . Audrey.*] *Exeunt. F* (after l. 95).

III. iii. 71-95; iv. 1-4.]

*As you like it.*

*Cel.* As good cause as one would desire; therefore weepe!

*Rof.* His very haire is of the dissembling colour.

*Cel.* Something browner then *Iudaffes*: marrie, his kisses  
are *Iudaffes* owne children. 8

*Rof.* I ~~saith~~ hath, his haire is of a good colour.

*Cel.* An excellent colour: Your Chessnut was euer the  
onely colour.

*Rof.* And his kissing is as ful of sanctitie as the touch of  
holy bread. 13

*Cel.* Hee hath bought a paire of cast lips of *Diana*: a Nun  
of winters sifterhood kisses not more religiouse; the very yce  
of chastity is in them. 16

*Rof.* But why did hee sweare hee would come this  
morning, and comes not?

*Cel.* Nay, certainly, there is no truth in him.

*Rof.* Doe you thinke so? 20

*Cel.* Yes; I thinke he is not a picke purse, nor a horse-  
stealer, but, for his verity in loue, I doe thinke him as concaue  
as a couered goblet, or a Worme-eaten nut.

*Rof.* Not true in loue? 24

*Cel.* Yes, when he is 'in'; but I thinke he is not 'in'.

*Rof.* You haue heard him sweare downright he was.

*Cel.* 'Was' is not 'is': besides, the oath of a Louer is no  
stronger then the word of a Tapster; they are both the [28  
confirmer of false reckonings. He attends here in the Forrest  
on the Duke your father.

*Rof.* I met the Duke yesterday, and had much question  
with him: he askt me, of what parentage I was; I told [32  
him, of as good as he; so he laugh'd and let mee goe. But  
what talke wee of Fathers, when there is such a man as  
*Orlando*?

*Cel.* O, that's a braue man! hee writes braue verses, [36  
speakes braue words, sweares braue oathes, and breakes them  
brauely, quite trauers, athwart the heart of his loue; as a  
puisny Tilter, that spurs his horse but on one side, breakes  
his staffe like a noble goose: but all's braue that youth [40  
mounts, and folly guides. Who comes heere?

*As you like it.*

*Enter CORIN.*

*Corin.* Mistresse and Master, you haue oft enquired  
After the Shepheard that complain'd of loue,  
Who you saw sitting by me on the Turph, 44  
Praising the proud disdainfull Shepherdesse  
That was his Mistresse.

*Cel.* Well, and what of him?

*Cor.* If you will see a pageant truly plaid,  
Betweene the pale complexion of true Loue, 48  
And the red glowe of scorne and prowd disdain,  
Goe hence a little, and I shall conduct you,  
If you will marke it.

*Rof. [to CEL.]* O, come, let vs remoue!  
The sight of Louers feedeth those in loue. 52  
¶ Bring vs to this fight, and you shall say  
Ile proue a busie actor in their play! [*Exeunt.* 54

*Actus Tertius. Scena Quinta.*

*Another part of the Forrest.*

*Enter SILVIA and PHEBE.*

*Sil.* Sweet *Phebe*, doe not scorne me! do not, *Phebe*! 1  
Say that you loue me not, but say not so  
In bitternesse! The common executioner  
(Whose heart th'accustom'd fight of death makes hard) 4  
Falls not the axe vpon the humbled neck,  
But first begs pardon: will you sterner be  
Then he that dies and liues by bloody drops?

*Enter ROSALIND, CELIA, and CORIN, behind.*

*Phe.* I would not be thy executioner: 8  
I flye thee, for I would not iniure thee.  
Thou tellst me, there is murder in mine eye:  
'Tis pretty, sure, and very probable,  
That eyes (that are the frailest, and softest things, 12  
Who shut their coward gates on atomies)  
Should be called tyrants, butchers, murtherers!

III. iv. 42-54; v. 1-14.] 50

*As you like it.*

Now I doe frowne on thee with all my heart;  
And, if mine eyes can wound, now let them kill thee! 16  
Now counterfeit to swoond; why, now fall downe;  
Or, if thou canst not, Oh, for shame, for shame,  
Lye not, to say mine eyes are murtherers!  
Now shew the wound mine eye hath made in thee! 20  
Scratch thee but with a pin, and there remains  
Some scarre of it; Leane but vpon a rush,  
The Cicatrice and capable impresse  
Thy palme some moment keepes; but now mine eyes, 24  
Which I haue darted at thee, hurt thee not,  
Nor, I am sure, there is no force in eyes  
That can doe hurt.

*Sil.* O deere *Phebe*,  
If euer (as that euer may be neere) 28  
You meet in some fresh cheeke the power of fancie,  
Then shall you know the wounds inuisible  
That Loues keene arrows make!

*Phe.* But, till that time,  
Come not thou neere me! and, when that time comes, 32  
Afflict me with thy mockes! pitty me not!  
As, till that time, I shall not pitty thee.

*Rof.* [*aduancing*] And why, I pray you? Who might be  
your mother,  
That you insult, exult, and all at once, 36  
Ouer the wretched? What though you haue no beauty,  
(As, by my faith, I see no more in you  
Then, without Candle, may goe darke to bed,)  
Must you be therefore proud and pittilesse? 40  
Why, what meanes this? Why do you looke on me?  
I see no more in you then in the ordinary  
Of Natures sale-worke. ('Ods my little life,  
I thinke she meanes to tangle my eies too!) 44  
No, faith, proud Mistresse, hope not after it!  
'Tis not your inkie browes, your blacke filke haire,  
Your bugle eye-balls, nor your cheeke of creame,  
That can entame my spirits to your worship. 48

22. *but*] F2.

30. *wounds*] wounds (turned n) F.

37. *haue*] hau F.



*As you like it.*

¶ You foolish Shepheard, wherefore do you follow her,  
Like foggy South, puffing with winde and raine?  
You are a thousand times a properer man  
Then she a woman. 'Tis such fooles as you 52  
That makes the world full of ill-fauour'd children:  
'Tis not her glasse, but you, that flatters her;  
And out of you she sees her selfe more proper  
Then any of her lineaments can shew her. 56

¶ But, Mistris, know your selfe! downe on your knees,  
And thanke heauen, fasting, for a good mans loue!  
For I must tell you (friendly) in your eare,  
Sell when you can: you are not for all markets! 60  
Cry the man mercy! loue him! take his offer!  
Foule is most foule, being foule, to be a scoffer. 62

¶ So, take her to thee, Shepheard! fare you well!  
*Phe.* Sweet youth, I pray you, chide a yere together!  
I had rather here you chide, then this man wooe.

*Ros.* Hees false in loue with your foulness, ¶ & shee'll [66  
fall in loue with my anger. If it be so, as fast as she answeres  
thee with frowning looks, ile sauce her with bitter words.  
¶ Why looke you so vpon me?

*Phe.* For no ill will I beare you. 70

*Ros.* I pray you, do not fall in loue with mee!  
For I am falser then vowes made in wine:  
Besides, I like you not. ¶ If you will know my house,  
'Tis at the tuft of Oliues, here hard by. 74

¶ Will you goe, Sister? ¶ Shepheard, ply her hard!  
¶ Come, Sister! ¶ Shepheardeesse, looke on him better,  
And be not proud! though all the world could see,  
None could be so abus'd in fight as hee! 78  
¶ Come, to our flocke!

[*Exeunt ROSALIND, CELIA, and CORIN.*

*Phe.* Dead Shepheard! now I find thy saw of might:  
'Who euer lov'd, that lou'd not at first sight?'<sup>1</sup> 81

*Sil.* Sweet *Phebe*! . . .

*Phe.* Hah! what saist thou, *Siluius*?

*Sil.* Sweet *Phebe*, pittie me!

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79. *Exeunt* . . . *Corin*.] Exit. F. | 1st Sestiad. *Works*, ed. Dyce,  
Marlowe's *Hero and Leander*, | 1870, p. 281, col. 2.

*As you like it.*

*Phe.* Why, I am forry for thee, gentle *Siluius*. 84  
*Sil.* Where euer sorrow is, reliefe would be :  
If you doe sorrow at my griefe in loue,  
By giuing loue, your sorrow and my griefe  
Were both extermin'd. 88  
*Phe.* Thou hast my loue, is not that neighbourly?  
*Sil.* I would haue you.  
*Phe.* Why, that were couetousnesse.  
*Siluius*, the time was, that I hated thee;  
And yet it is not, that I beare thee loue : 92  
But since that thou canst talke of loue so well,  
Thy company, which erst was irkesome to me,  
I will endure; and Ile employ thee too :  
But doe not looke for further recompence 96  
Then thine owne gladnesse, that thou art employd !  
*Sil.* So holy, and so perfect is my loue,  
And I in such a pouerty of grace,  
That I shall thinke it a most plenteous crop, 100  
To gleane the broken eares after the man  
That the maine haruest reapes : loofe now and then  
A scattred smile; and that Ile liue vpon ! 103  
*Phe.* Knowst thou the youth that spoke to mee yere while?  
*Sil.* Not very well, but I haue met him oft;  
And he hath bought the Cottage, and the bounds,  
That the old Carlot once was Master of.  
*Phe.* Thinke not I loue him, though I ask for him ! 108  
'Tis but a peeuishe boy; (yet he talkes well :)  
But what care I for words? (yet words do well,  
When he that speakes them pleases those that heare.)  
It is a pretty youth: (not very prettie :) 112  
But, sure, hee's proud; (and yet his pride becomes him :)  
Hee'll make a proper man: the best thing in him  
Is his complexion; and faster then his tongue  
Did make offence, his eye did heale it vp. 116  
He is not very tall; (yet for his yeeres hee's tall :)  
His leg is but so so; (and yet 'tis well :)  
There was a pretty rednesse in his lip,  
A little riper and more lustie red 120  
Then that mixt in his cheek; 'twas iust the difference  
Betwixt the constant Red, and mingled Damaske.

*As you like it.*

There be some women, *Siluius*, had they markt him  
In parcells as I did, would haue gone neere 124  
To fall in loue with him : but, for my part,  
I loue him not, nor hate him not ; and yet  
I haue more cause to hate him then to loue him :  
For what had he to doe to chide at me ? 128  
He said, mine eyes were black, and my haire blacke ;  
And, now I am remembred, scorn'd at me :  
I maruell why I answer'd not againe :  
But that's all one ; 'omittance is no quittance.' 132  
He write to him a very tanting Letter,  
And thou shalt beare it : wilt thou, *Siluius* ?  
*Sil.* *Phebe*, with all my heart !  
*Phe.* He write it strait ;  
The matter's in my head, and in my heart : 136  
I will be bitter with him, and passing short.  
Goe with me, *Siluius* ! [*Exeunt.*]

*Actus Quartus. Scena Prima.*

*The Forrest of Arden. Before a Cottage, as in  
Act III. sc. Iv.*

*Enter ROSALIND, and CELIA, and IAQVES.*

*Iaq.* I prethee, pretty youth, let me be better acquainted  
with thee !

*Rof.* They say you are a melancholly fellow.

*Iaq.* I am so ; I doe loue it better then laughing. 4

*Rof.* Those that are in extremity of either, are abhominable  
fellowes ; and betray themselues to euery moderne censure,  
worfe then drunkards.

*Iaq.* Why, 'tis good to be sad and say nothing. 8

*Rof.* Why then, 'tis good to be a poste.

*Iaq.* I haue neither the Schollers melancholy, which is  
emulation ; nor the Musicians, which is fantastical ; nor the  
Courtiers, which is proud ; nor the Souldiers, which is [12  
ambitious ; nor the Lawiers, which is politick ; nor the Ladies,

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which is nice; nor the Louers, which is all these: but it is a melancholy of mine owne, compounded of many simples, extracted from many obiects, and, indeed, the fundrie [16 contemplation of my trauels, in which my often rumination wraps me in a most humorous sadnesse.

*Rof.* A Traueller! By my faith, you haue great reason to be sad! I feare you haue sold your owne Lands, to see [20 other mens; then, to haue seene much, and to haue nothing, is to haue rich eyes and poore hands.

*Iaq.* Yes, I haue gain'd my experience. 23

*Rof.* And your 'experience' makes you sad: I had rather haue a foole to make me merrie, then experience to make me sad; and to trauaile for it too!

*Enter ORLANDO.*

*Orl.* Good day, and happinesse, deere *Rosalind*! 27

*Iaq.* Nay, then, God buy<sup>1</sup> you, and you talke in blanke verse! [Exit.

*Rof.* Farewell, Mounseieur Traueller! looke you lifpe, and weare strange suites; disable all the benefits of your owne Countrie; be out of loue with your natiuitie, and almost [32 chide God for making you that countenance you are; or I will scarce thinke you haue swam in a Gundello! ¶ Why, how now, *Orlando*! where haue you bin all this while? You a loue! And you serue me such another tricke, neuer come in my fight more! 37

*Orl.* My faire *Rosalind*, I come within an houre of my promise.

*Rof.* Breake an houres promise in loue! Hee that will diuide a minute into a thousand parts, and breake but a [41 part of the thousand part of a minute in the affairs of loue, it may be said of him, that *Cupid* hath clapt him oth' shoulder, but Ile warrant him heart hole.

*Orl.* Pardon me, deere *Rosalind*! 45

*Rof.* Nay, and you be so tardie, come no more in my fight! I had as lief be woo'd of a Snaile.

*Orl.* 'Of a Snaile'? 48

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17. my] F2. by F.

26. Enter Orlando.] F (after l. 23).

<sup>1</sup> buy = be with.

*As you like it.*

*Rof.* I, of a Snail; for though he comes slowly, hee carries his house on his head; a better ioynture, I thinke, then you make a woman: besides, he brings his destinie with him. 52

*Orl.* What's that?

*Rof.* Why, hornes, which such as you are faine to be beholding to your wiues for: but he comes armed in his fortune, and preuents the slander of his wife. 56

*Orl.* Vertue is no horne-maker; and my *Rosalind* is vertuous.

*Rof.* And I am your *Rosalind*. 59

*Cel.* It pleaseth him to call you so; but he hath a *Rosalind* of a better leere then you.

*Rof.* Come, wooe me, wooe me! for now I am in a holy-day humor, and like enough to consent. What would you say to me now, and I were your verie, verie *Rosalind*? 64

*Orl.* I would kisse before I spoke.

*Rof.* Nay, you were better speake first; and when you were grauel'd for lacke of matter, you might take occasion to kisse. Verie good Orators, when they are out, they will spit; and for louers, lacking (God warne vs!) matter, the cleanliest shift is to kisse. 70

*Orl.* How if the kisse be denide?

*Rof.* Then she puts you to entreatie, and there begins new matter. 73

*Orl.* Who could be out, being before his beloued Mistris?

*Rof.* Marrie, that should you, if I were your Mistris; or I should thinke my honestie ranker then my wit.

*Orl.* What, of my suite? 77

*Rof.* Not out of your apparrell, and yet out of your 'suite'. Am not I your *Rosalind*?

*Orl.* I take some ioy to say you are, because I would be talking of her. 81

*Rof.* Well, in her person, I say, 'I will not haue you.'

*Orl.* Then, in mine owne person, I die. 83

*Rof.* No, faith, die by Attorney! The poore world is almost fix thousand yeeres old, and in all this time there was not anie man died in his owne person (*videlicet*) in a loue cause. *Troilus* had his braines dashed out with a [87 *Grecian* club; yet he did what hee could to die before; and  
IV. i. 49-88.]

*As you like it.*

he is one of the patternes of loue. *Leander*, he would haue liu'd manie a faire yeere though *Hero* had turn'd Nun, if it had not bin for a hot Midfomer-night; for (good youth) [91 he went but forth to wash him in the *Hellefpont*, and, being taken with the crampe, was droun'd: and the foolish Chronoclers of that age found it was '*Hero of Ceflos*.' But thefe are all lies: men haue died from time to time, and wormes haue eaten them, but not for loue.

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*Orl.* I would not haue my right *Rosalind* of this mind; for, I protest, her frowne might kill me.

*Rof.* By this hand, it will not kill a flie! But come, now I will be your *Rosalind* in a more comming-on difpofition; and aske me what you will, I will grant it. 101

*Orl.* Then loue me, *Rosalind*!

*Rof.* Yes, faith, will I, Fridaies, and Saterdaies, and all.

*Orl.* And wilt thou haue me?

*Rof.* I, and twentie fuch. 105

*Orl.* What faieft thou?

*Rof.* Are you not good?

*Orl.* I hope fo. 108

*Rosalind.* Why then, can one defire too much of a good thing? ¶ Come, fifter, you fhall be the Priest, and marrie vs! ¶ Giue me your hand, *Orlando*! ¶ What doe you fay, fifter?

*Orl.* Pray thee, marrie vs! 112

*Cel.* I cannot fay the words.

*Rof.* You muft begin: 'Will you, *Orlando* . . .'

*Cel.* Goe to! ¶ 'Wil you, *Orlando*, haue to wife this *Rosalind*?' 116

*Orl.* I will.

*Rof.* I, but when?

*Orl.* Why now; as fast as fhe can marrie vs.

*Rof.* Then you muft fay: 'I take thee, *Rosalind*, for wife.'

*Orl.* 'I take thee, *Rosalind*, for wife.' 121

*Rof.* I might aske you for your Commiffion. But I doe take thee, *Orlando*, for my husband: there's a girle goes before the Priest! and, certainly, a Womans thought runs before her actions. 125

*Orl.* So do all thoughts; they are wing'd.

*As you like it.*

*Rof.* Now tell me, how long you would haue her, after you haue posselt her?

*Orl.* For euer, and a day!

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*Rof.* Say, 'a day,' without the 'euer!' No, no, *Orlando*; men are Aprill when they woe,<sup>1</sup> December when they wed: Maides are May when they are maides, but the sky changes when they are wiues. I will bee more iealous of thee, [133 then a *Barbary* cocke-pidgeon ouer his hen; more clamorous then a Parrat against raine; more new-fangled then an ape, more giddy in my desires then a monkey: I will weepe for nothing, like *Diana* in the Fountaine, & I wil do that [137 when you are dispos'd to be merry; I will laugh like a Hyen, and that when thou art inclin'd to sleepe.

*Orl.* But will my *Rosalind* doe so?

*Rof.* By my life, she will doe as I doe!

141

*Orl.* O, but she is wife!

*Ros.* Or else shee could not haue the wit to doe this: the wiser, the waywarder: make the doores vpon a womans wit, and it will out at the casement; shut that, and 'twill out at the key-hole; stop that, 'twill flie with the smoake out at the chimney!

147

*Orl.* A man that had a wife with such a wit, he might say, 'Wit, whether wil't!'

*Rof.* Nay, you might keepe that checke for it, till you met your wiues wit going to your neighbours bed.

151

*Orl.* And what wit could wit haue to excuse that?

*Rofa.* Marry, to say, she came to seeke you there. You shall neuer take her without her answer, vnlesse you take her without her tongue. O, that woman that cannot make her fault her husbands occasion, let her neuer nurse her childe her selfe, for she will breed it like a foole!

157

*Orl.* For these two houres, *Rosalinde*, I will leaue thee.

*Rof.* Alas, deere loue, I cannot lacke thee two houres!

*Orl.* I must attend the Duke at dinner: by two a clock I will be with thee againe.

161

*Rof.* I, goe your waies, goe your waies! I knew what you would proue: my friends told mee as much, and I thought no lesse: that flattering tongue of yours wonne me:

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<sup>1</sup> woe = woode.

*As you like it.*

'tis but one cast away, and so, come, Death! Two o'clockes  
is your howre? 166

*Orl.* I, sweet *Rosalind*.

*Rof.* 'By my troth,' and 'in good earnest,' and 'so God  
mend mee,' and by all pretty oathes that are not dangerous,  
if you breake one iot of your promise, or come one minute  
behinde your houre, I will thinke you the most patheti- [171  
call breake-promise, and the most hollow louer, and the most  
vnworthy of her you call *Rosalinde*, that may bee chosen out  
of the grosse band of the vnfaithfull! therefore beware my  
censure, and keep your promise! 175

*Orl.* With no lesse religion then if thou wert indeed my  
*Rosalind*! so, adieu!

*Rof.* Well, Time is the olde Iustice that examines all such  
offenders, and let Time try! adieu! [*Exit ORLANDO.* 179

*Cel.* You haue simply misus'd our sexe in your loue-prate:  
we must haue your doublet and hose pluckt ouer your head,  
and shew the world what the bird hath done to her owne  
neast. 183

*Rof.* O coz, coz, coz, my pretty little coz, that thou didst  
know how many fathome deepe I am in loue! But it can-  
not bee sounded: my affection hath an vnknowne bottome,  
like the Bay of *Portugall*. 187

*Cel.* Or rather, bottomlesse; that as fast as you poure  
affection in, it runs out. 189

*Rof.* No, that same wicked Bastard of *Venus*, that was  
begot of thought, conceiu'd of spleene, and borne of mad-  
nesse; that blinde rascally boy, that abuses euery ones eyes,  
because his owne are out, let him bee iudge how deepe [193  
I am in loue. Ile tell thee, *Aliena*, I cannot be out of the  
sight of *Orlando*: Ile goe finde a shadow, and figh till he  
come.

*Cel.* And Ile sleepe.

[*Exeunt.* 197

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189. *it* in F.



*As you like it.*

*Actus Quartus. Scena Secunda.*

*Another part of the Forrest.*

*Enter IAGUES and Lords, like Forresters.*

*Iaq.* Which is he that killed the Deare? 1

*A Lord.* Sir, it was I.

*Iaq.* Let's present him to the Duke, like a *Romane* Conquerour! and it would doe well to fet the Deares horns vpon his head, for a branch of victory. ¶ Haue you no song, Forrester, for this purpose? 6

*A Lord.* Yes, Sir.

*Iaq.* Sing it! 'tis no matter how it bee in tune, so it make noyse enough. 9

*Muficke.*

*A Lord.* Song.

*What shall he haue, that kild the Deare?*

*His Leather skin, and hornes to weare!* 11

[Then sing him home: the rest shall beare this burthen.

*Take thou no scorne to weare the horne!*

*It was a crest ere thou wast borne:* 13

*Thy fathers father wore it,*

*And thy father bore it:* 15

*The horne, the horne, the lusty horne,*

*Is not a thing to laugh to scorne!* [Exeunt. 17

2, 7. *A Lord.*] Lord. F. For.  
Rowe. At l. 6 a Lord is addressed  
in his assumed character of a for-  
rester. See the Entry of Act II.

sc. i. p. 17.

11. *Then sing . . . burthen.*  
Printed as part of the song in F.

*As you like it.*

*Actus Quartus. Scœna Tertia.*

*Another part of the Forrest.*

*Enter ROSALIND and CELIA.*

*Rof.* How say you now? Is it not past two a clock? and heere much *Orlando*!

*Cel.* I warrant you, with pure loue, & troubled brain, he hath t'ane his bow and arrowes, and is gone forth—to sleepe. Looke, who comes heere? 5

*Enter SILVIUS.*

*Sil.* My errand is to you, faire youth;  
My gentle *Phebe* did bid me giue you this: [*Glues a Letter,*  
I know not the contents; but, as I guesse, *ROS. reads it.*  
By the sterne brow, and waspish action 9  
Which she did vse, as she was writing of it,  
It beares an angry tenure: pardon me!  
I am but as a guiltlesse messenger. 12

*Rof.* Patience her selfe would startle at this letter,  
And play the swaggerer. Beare this, beare all!  
Shee saies I am not faire; that I lacke manners;  
She calls me proud; and that she could not loue me 16  
Were man as rare as Phenix. Od's my will!  
Her loue is not the Hare that I doe hunt:  
Why writes she so to me? Well, Shepheard, well,  
This is a Letter of your owne deuce. 20

*Sil.* No, I protest, I know not the contents:  
*Phebe* did write it.

*Rof.* Come, come, you are a foole,  
And turn'd into the extremity of loue!  
I saw her hand: she has a leatherne hand,  
A freestone coloured hand; I verily did thinke 24  
That her old gloues were on, but twas her hands  
She has a hufwiues hand; but that's no matter:

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5. *Enter Silvius.*] F (after *brain*, l. 3).

*As you like it.*

I say, she neuer did inuent this letter ; 28  
This is a mans inuention, and his hand.  
Sil. Sure, it is hers.  
Ros. Why, tis a boyfterous and a cruell stile,  
A stile for challengers ; why, she defies me, 32  
Like *Turke* to Christian : vvomens gentle braine  
Could not drop forth such giant rude inuention,  
Such *Ethiop* vvords, blacker in their effect  
Then in their countenance. Will you heare the letter ? 36  
Sil. So please you, for I neuer heard it yet ;  
Yet heard too much of *Phebes* crueltie.  
Ros. She '*Phebes*' me : marke how the tyrant vvrites ! 39  
[Reads] '*Art thou god to Shepherd turn'd,*  
*That a maidens heart hath burn'd ?*' 41  
Can a vvoman raile thus ?  
Sil. Call you this railing ?  
Ros. [Reads] '*Why, thy godhead laid a part,*  
*War'st thou with a womans heart ?*' 45  
Did you euer heare such railing ?  
'*Whiles the eye of man did wooe me,*  
*That could do no vengeance to me.*' 48  
Meaning me, a beast.  
'*If the scorne of your bright eie*  
*Haue power to raise such loue in mine,* 51  
*Alacke, in me, what strange effect*  
*Would they worke in milde aspect !* 53  
*Whiles you chid me, I did loue ;*  
*How then might your praers moue !* 55  
*He that brings this loue to thee,*  
*Little knowes this Loue in me :* 57  
*And by him seale vp thy minde ;*  
*Whether that thy youth and kinde* 59  
*Will the faithfull offer take*  
*Of me, and all that I can make ;* 61  
*Or else by him my loue denie,*  
*And then Ile studie how to die !*' 63  
Sil. Call you this chiding ?  
Cel. Alas, poore Shepheard !  
Ros. Doe you pittie him ? no, he deserues no pittie !  
¶ Wilt thou loue such a woman ? What ! to make thee [67  
IV. iii. 28-67.] 62

*As you like it.*

an instrument, and plaie false straines vpon thee! not to be  
endur'd! Well, goe your way to her, (for I see Loue hath  
made thee a tame snake,) and say this to her! That if she  
loue me, I charge her to loue thee; if she will not, I [71  
will neuer haue her, vnlesse thou intreat for her. If you bee  
a true louer. Hence, and not a word! for here comes more  
company! [Exit SIL.]

*Enter OLIVER.*

*Oliu.* Good morrow, faire ones! pray you, (if you know,)  
Where, in the Purlues of this Forrest, stands 76  
A sheep-coat, fenc'd about with Oliue-trees?

*Cel.* West of this place, down in the neighbor bottom,  
The ranke of Oziers, by the murmuring streame,  
Left on your right hand, brings you to the place. 80  
But, at this howre, the house doth keepe it selfe;  
There's none within.

*Oli.* If that an eye may profit by a tongue,  
Then should I know you by description; 84  
Such garments, and such yeeres: 'the boy is faire,  
Of femall fauour, and bestowes himselfe  
Like a ripe sifter: the woman low,  
And browner then her brother.' Are not you 88  
The owner of the house I did enquire for?

*Cel.* It is no boast, being ask'd, to say we are.

*Oli.* *Orlando* doth commend him to you both,  
And, to that youth hee calls his *Rosalind*, 92  
He sends this bloody napkin. ¶ Are you he?

*Ros.* I am: what must we vnderstand by this?

*Oli.* Some of my shame; if you will know of me  
What man I am, and how, and why, and where, 96  
This handkercher was stain'd.

*Cel.* I pray you, tell it!

*Oli.* When last the yong *Orlando* parted from you,  
He left a promise to returne againe  
Within an houre<sup>1</sup>; and, pacing through the Forrest, 100  
Chewing the food of sweet and bitter fancie,  
Loe, vvhat befell! he threw his eye aside,  
And, marke, vvhat obiekt did present it selfe!

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<sup>1</sup> Two hours. See IV. i. 158, p. 58.

*As you like it.*

Vnder an old Oake, whose bows were moss'd with age, 104  
And high top bald with drie antiquitie,  
A wretched ragged man, ore-growne with haire,  
Lay sleeping on his back : about his necke  
A greene and guilded snake had wreath'd it selfe, 108  
Who with her head, nimble in threats, approach'd  
The opening of his mouth ; but sodainly,  
Seeing *Orlando*, it vnlink'd it selfe,  
And, with indented glides, did slip away 112  
Into a bush : vnder which bushes shade  
A Lyonnesse, with vdders all drawne drie,  
Lay cowching, head on ground, with catlike watch,  
When that the sleeping man should stirre ; (for 'tis 116  
The royall disposition of that beast,  
To prey on nothing that doth seeme as dead :)  
This seene, *Orlando* did approach the man,  
And found it was his brother, his elder brother. 120  
*Cel.* O, I haue heard him speake of that same brother ;  
And he did render him the most vnnaturall  
That liu'd amongst men !  
*Oli.* And well he might so doe,  
For well I know he was vnnaturall. 124  
*Rof.* But, to *Orlando* ! did he leaue him there,  
Food to the suck'd and hungry Lyonnesse ?  
*Oli.* Twice did he turne his backe, and purpos'd so ;  
But kindnesse, nobler euer then reuenge, 128  
And Nature, stronger then his iust occasion,  
Made him giue battell to the Lyonnesse,  
Who quickly fell before him ; in which hurtling,  
From miserable slumber I awaked. 132  
*Cel.* Are you his brother ?  
*Rof.* Was't you he rescu'd ?  
*Cel.* Was't you that did so oft contriue to kill him ?  
*Oli.* 'Twas I ; but 'tis not I : I doe not shame  
To tell you what I was, since my conuersion 136  
So sweetly tastes, being the thing I am.  
*Rof.* But, for the bloody napkin ?  
*Oli.* By and by.

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137. *sweetly*] *sweetly* F.

*As you like it.*

When from the first to last, betwixt vs two,  
 Teares our recountments had most kindly bath'd, 140  
 As, how I came into that Desert place; . . .  
 In briefe, he led me to the gentle Duke,  
 Who gaue me fresh aray, and entertainment,  
 Committing me vnto my brothers loue; 144  
 Who led me instantly vnto his Caue,  
 There stript himselfe, and heere vpon his arme  
 The Lyonnesse had torne some flesh away,  
 Which all this while had bled; and now he fainted, 148  
 And cride, in fainting, vpon *Rosalinde*.  
 Briefe, I recouer'd him, bound vp his wound;  
 And, after some small space, being strong at heart,  
 He sent me hither, stranger as I am, 152  
 To tell this story, that you might excuse  
 His broken promise, and to giue this napkin,  
 Died in this bloud, vnto the Shepheard youth, 155  
 That he in sport doth call his *Rosalind*. [*ROSALIND swoons*.]  
*Cel.* Why, how now, *Ganimed*! sweet *Ganimed*!  
*Oli.* Many will swoon when they do look on bloud.  
*Cel.* There is more in it. ¶ *Cosen*! . . . *Ganimed*!  
*Oli.* Looke, he recouers! 160  
*Rof.* I would I were at home!  
*Cel.* Wee'll lead you thither.  
 ¶ I pray you, will you take him by the arme?  
*Oli.* Be of good cheere, youth! you, a man! You lacke a  
 mans heart. 164  
*Rof.* I doe so, I confesse it. Ah, sirra, a body would thinke  
 this was well counterfeited! I pray you, tell your brother  
 how well I counterfeited! Heigh-ho! 167  
*Oli.* This was not counterfeited; there is too great testimony  
 in your complexion, that it was a passion of earnest.  
*Rof.* Counterfeit, I assure you! 170  
*Oli.* Well then, take a good heart, and 'counterfeit' to be  
 a man!  
*Rof.* So I doe: but, yfaith, I should haue beene a woman  
 by right. 174  
*Cel.* Come, you looke paler and paler: pray you, draw  
 homewards! ¶ Good fir, goe with vs!

*As you like it.*

*Oli.* That will I; for I must beare answere backe  
How you excuse my brother, *Rosalind.* 178  
*Rof.* I shall deuise something: but, I pray you, commend  
my counterfeiting to him! ¶ Will you goe? [Exeunt. 178]

*Actus Quintus. Scena Prima.*

*The Forrest of Arden.*

*Enter Clowne and AWDRIE.*

*Clow.* We shall finde a time, *Awdrie*; patience, gentle  
*Awdrie!*

*Awd.* Faith, the Priest was good enough, for all the olde  
gentlemans saying. 4

*Clow.* A most wicked Sir *Oliuer*, *Awdrie*, a most vile *Mar-*  
*text!* But, *Awdrie*, there is a youth heere in the Forrest  
layes claime to you.

*Awd.* I, I know who 'tis; he hath no interest in mee in  
the world: here comes the man you meane! 9

*Clo.* It is meat and drinke to me to see a Clowne: by my  
troth, we that haue good wits haue much to answer for; we  
shall be flouting; we cannot hold. 12

*Enter WILLIAM.*

*Will.* Good eu'n, *Audrey!*

*Aud.* God ye good eu'n, *William!*

*Will.* And good eu'n to you, Sir! [Takes off his hat. 15]

*Clo.* Good eu'n, gentle friend! Couer thy head, couer  
thy head! Nay, prethee, bee couer'd! How olde are you,  
Friend:

*Will.* Fiue and twentie, Sir. 19

*Clo.* A ripe age. Is thy name *William?*

*Will.* *William*, sir.

*Clo.* A faire name. Was't borne i'th Forrest heere?

*Will.* I, sir, I thanke God! 23

*Clo.* 'Thanke God!' a good answer. Art rich?

*Will.* 'Faith, sir, so, so. 25

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12. *Enter William.*] F (after L. 9).

IV. iii. 177-180; V. i. 1-25.] 66

*As you like it.*

*Clo.* 'So, so,' is good, very good, very excellent good; and yet it is not; it is but so, so. Art thou wife?

*Will.* I, fir, I haue a prettie wit. 28

*Clo.* Why, thou saist well. I do now remember a saying: 'The Foole doth thinke he is wise, but the wiseman knowes himselfe to be a Foole.' The Heathen Philosopher, when he had a desire to eate a Grape, would open his lips when he [32 put it into his mouth; meaning thereby, that Grapes were made to eate, and lippes to open. You do loue this maid?

*Will.* I do, fir. 35

*Clo.* Giue me your hand! Art thou Learned?

*Will.* No, fir.

*Clo.* Then learne this of me! 'To haue, is to haue.' For it is a figure in Rhetoricke, that drink, being powr'd out of [39 a cup into a glasse, by filling the one, doth empty the other. For all your Writers do consent, that *ipse* is hee: now, you are not *ipse*, for I am he. 42

*Will.* Which 'he,' fir?

*Clo.* 'He,' fir, that must marrie this woman. Therefore, you Clowne, abandon, (which is in the vulgar, leaue,) the [45 societie, (which in the boorish is, companie,) of this female, (which in the common is, woman;) which together is, abandon the society of this Female! or, Clowne, thou perishest; or, to thy better vnderstanding, dyest; or, (to wit) I kill thee, [49 make thee away, translate thy life into death, thy libertie into bondage! I will deale in poyson with thee, or in bastinado, or in steele; I will bandy with thee in faction; I will ore-run thee with policie; I will kill thee a hundred and fifty wayes! therefore tremble, and depart! 54

*Aud.* Do, good *William*!

*Will.* God rest you merry, fir! [Exit. 59

*Enter CORIN.*

*Cor.* Our Master and Mistresse seekes you; come, away, away!

*Clo.* Trip, *Audry*! trip, *Audry*! ¶ I attend, I attend! [Exeunt. 59

26. *Clo.*] Cle. F.

35. *sir*] sit F.

38. *of*] os F.

53. *policie*] policy F2. police F.



*As you like it.*

*Actus Quintus. Scœna Secunda.*

*Another part of the Forrest.*

*Enter ORLANDO & OLIVER.*

*Orl.* Is't possible, that, on so little acquaintance, you should like her? that, but seeing, you should loue her? And, louing, woo? and, wooing, she should graunt? And will you perseuer to enioy her? 4

*Ol.* Neither call the giddineffe of it in question, the pouertie of her, the small acquaintance, my sodaine woing,<sup>1</sup> nor her sodaine consenting; but say with mee, I loue *Aliena*; say with her, that she loues mee; consent with both, that we [8 may enioy each other! it shall be to your good; for my fathers house, and all the reuennue that was old Sir *Rowlands*, will I estate vpon you, and heere liue and die a Shepherd. 12

*Orl.* You haue my consent. Let your Wedding be to morrow! thither will I inuite the Duke, and all's contented followers. Go you, and prepare *Aliena*; for, looke you, heere comes my *Rosalinde*! 16

*Enter ROSALIND.*

*Rof.* God saue you, brother!

*Ol.* And you, faire sister!

[*Exit.*

*Rof.* Oh, my deere *Orlando*, how it greeues me to see thee weare thy heart in a scarfe! 20

*Orl.* It is my arme.

*Rof.* I thought thy heart had beene wounded with the clawes of a Lion.

*Orl.* 'Wounded' it is, but with the eyes of a Lady. 24

*Rof.* Did your brother tell you how I counterfeited to sound, when he shew'd me your handkercher?

*Orl.* I, and greater wonders then that. 27

*Rof.* O, I know where you are: nay, tis true: there was neuer any thing so sodaine, but the fight of two Rammes,

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<sup>1</sup> *woing* = wooing.

6. *her*] Rowe.

16. *Enter Rosalind.*] F (after l. 12).

*As you like it.*

and *Cesars* Thrafonicall bragge of 'I came, saw, and ouer-came.' For your brother and my sister no sooner met, [31 but they look'd; no sooner look'd, but they lou'd; no sooner lou'd, but they sigh'd; no sooner sigh'd, but they ask'd one another the reason; no sooner knew the reason, but they sought the remedie: and in these degrees haue they made [35 a paire of staires to marriage, which they will climbe incontinent, or else bee incontinent before marriage: they are in the verie wrath of loue, and they will together. Clubbes cannot part them.

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*Orl.* They shall be married to morrow; and I will bid the Duke to the Nuptiall. But, O, how bitter a thing it is, to looke into happines through another mans eies! By so much the more shall I to morrow be at the height of heart [43 heauinesse, by how much I shal thinke my brother happie, in hauing what he wishes for.

*Rof.* Why, then, to morrow, I cannot serue your turne for *Rosalind*?

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*Orl.* I can liue no longer by thinking.

*Rof.* I will wearie you, then, no longer with idle talking. Know of me, then, (for now I speake to some purpose,) that I know you are a Gentleman of good conceit: I speake not this, that you should beare a good opinion of my know- [52 ledge, infomuch I say I know you are; neither do I labor for a greater esteeme then may in some little measure draw a beleefe from you, to do your selfe good, and not to grace me. Beleeue, then, if you please, that I can do strange things: [56 I haue, since I was three yeare olde, conuerst with a Magitian, most profound in his Art, and yet not damnable. If you do loue *Rosalinde* so neere the hart as your gesture cries it out, when your brother marries *Aliena*, shall you marrie her. [60 I know into what straights of Fortune she is driuen; and it is not impossible to me, if it appeare not inconuenient to you, to set her before your eyes to morrow, humane as she is, and without any danger.

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*Orl.* Speak'st thou in sober meanings?

*Rof.* By my life, I do! which I tender deerly, though I say I am a Magitian. Therefore, put you in your best aray;

31. *ouercame*] overcome F.

53. *are*] arc F.

*As you like it.*

bid your friends! for if you will be married to-morrow, you shall; and to *Rosalind*, if you will. 69

*Enter SILVIUS & PHEBE.*

Looke, here comes a Louer of mine, and a louer of hers.

*Phe.* Youth, you haue done me much vngentleneffe,  
To shew the letter that I writ to you.

*Rof.* I care not, if I haue: it is my studie, 73  
To seeme despightfull and vngentle to you:  
You are there followed by a faithful shepheard;  
Looke vpon him, loue him! he worships you.

*Phe.* Good shepheard, tell this youth what 'tis to loue! 77

*Sil.* It is to be all made of fighes and teares;  
And so am I for *Phebe*!

*Phe.* And I for *Ganimed*!

*Orl.* And I for *Rosalind*! 81

*Rof.* And I for no woman!

*Sil.* It is to be all made of faith and seruice;  
And so am I for *Phebe*!

*Phe.* And I for *Ganimed*! 85

*Orl.* And I for *Rosalind*!

*Rof.* And I for no woman!

*Sil.* It is to be all made of fantasie,  
All made of passion, and all made of wishes; 89

All adoration, dutie, and obseruance,<sup>1</sup>

All humbleneffe, all patience, and impatience,

All puritie, all triall, all obseruance;<sup>2</sup>

And so am I for *Phebe*! 93

*Phe.* And so am I for *Ganimed*!

*Orl.* And so am I for *Rosalind*!

*Rof.* And so am I for no woman! 96

*Phe.* [*to ROS.*] If this be so, why blame you me to loue you?

*Sil.* [*to PHE.*] If this be so, why blame you me to loue you?

*Orl.* If this be so, why blame you me to loue you?

*Rof.* Who do you speake to, 'Why blame you mee to loue you?' 101

<sup>1</sup> So F. *obedience* Dyce (Collier MS.). *obisance* Ritson conj.

100. *Who*] Rowe. Why F.

<sup>2</sup> So F. *obedience* Malone conj. 100. *speake to*] *speake* too F.

*As you like it.*

*Orl.* To her, that is not heere, nor doth not heare.

*Rof.* Pray you, no more of this! 'tis like the howling of *Irish* Wolues against the Moone. [*To SIL.*] I will helpe you, if I can: [*to PHE.*] I would loue you, if I could. To morrow meet me altogether! [*To PHE.*] I wil marrie you, [106 if euer I marrie Woman, and Ile be married to morrow: [*to ORL.*] I will satisfie you, if euer I satisfi'd man, and you shall bee married to morrow: [*to SIL.*] I wil content you, if what pleases you contents you, and you shal be married [110 to morrow. [*To ORL.*] As you loue *Rosalind*, meet! [*to SIL.*] as you loue *Phebe*, meet! and as I loue no woman, Ile meet. So fare you wel! I haue left you commands.

*Sil.* Ile not faile, if I liue!

*Phe.*

Nor I!

*Orl.*

Nor I! [*Exeunt.* 114

*Actus Quintus. Scœna Tertia.*

*Another part of the Forrest.*

*Enter Clowne and AUDREY.*

*Clo.* To morrow is the ioyfull day, *Audrey*; to morrow will we be married.

*Aud.* I do desire it with all my heart; and I hope it is no dishonest desire, to desire to be a woman of y<sup>e</sup> world. Heere come two of the banish'd Dukes Pages! 5

*Enter two Pages.*

1. *Pa.* Wel met, honest Gentleman!

*Clo.* By my troth, well met! Come, fit, fit, and a song! 8

2. *Pa.* We are for you: fit i'th middle!

1. *Pa.* Shal we clap into't roundly, without hauking, or spitting, or saying we are hoarse? which are the onely prologues to a bad voice.

2. *Pa.* I faith, y'faith! and both in a tune, like two gipsies on a horse. 13

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108. will] will F.

*As you like it.*

Song.

*It was a Louer, and his lass,*  
*With a hey, and a ho, and a hey nonino,*  
*That o're the greene corne feild did passe,* 10  
*In the spring time, the onely pretty ring time,*  
*When Birds do sing, hey ding a ding, ding :*  
*Sweet Louers loue the spring.* 19

*Betweene the acres of the Rie,*  
*With a hey, and a ho, & a hey nonino,*  
*These prettie Country folks would lie,* 22  
*In spring time, &c.*

*This Carroll they began that houre,*  
*With a hey and a ho, & a hey nonino,*  
*How that a life was but a Flower* 26  
*In spring time, &c.*

*And therefore take the present time !<sup>1</sup>*  
*With a hey, & a ho, and a hey nonino ,*  
*For Loue is crown'd with the prime* 30  
*In spring time, &c.*

*Clo.* Truly, yong Gentlemen, though there vvas no great matter in the dittie, yet y<sup>e</sup> note was very vntunable. 33

*1. Pa.* You are deceiu'd, Sir; we kept time, we lost not our time!

*Clo.* By my troth, yes! I count it but time lost, to heare such a foolish song. God buy<sup>2</sup> you! and God mend your voices! ¶ Come, *Audrie* ! [Exeunt. 38]

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17. ring] Edinburgh MS., and | printed as the second stanza in F.  
Steevens conj. rang F. | <sup>2</sup> buy = be with.

<sup>1</sup> And therefore . . . prime is

*As you like it.*

*Actus Quintus. Scena Quarta.*

*Another part of the Forrest.*

*Enter DUKE Senior, AMYENS, IAQUES, ORLANDO, OLIVER,  
CELIA.*

*Du. Sen.* Dost thou beleuee, *Orlando*, that the boy 1  
Can do all this that he hath promised?

*Orl.* I sometimes do beleuee, and sometimes do not;  
As those that feare they hope, and know they feare. 4

*Enter ROSALINDE, SILVIUS, & PHEBE.*

*Ros.* Patience once more, whiles our compact is vtg'd!  
[*To DUKE*] You say, if I bring in your *Rosalinde*,  
You will bestow her on *Orlando* heere?

*Du. Se.* That would I, had I kingdoms to giue with hir! 8

*Ros.* [*to ORL.*] And you say, you wil haue her, when I  
bring hir?

*Orl.* That would I, were I of all kingdoms King!

*Ros.* [*to PHE.*] You say, you'l marrie me, if I be willing?

*Phe.* That will I, should I die the houre after! 12

*Ros.* But, if you do refuse to marrie me,  
You'l giue your selfe to this most faithfull Shepheard?

*Phe.* So is the bargaine. 15

*Ros.* [*to SIL.*] You say, that you'l haue *Phebe*, if she will?

*Sil.* Though to haue her and death, were both one thing!

*Ros.* I haue promis'd to make all this matter euen.

Keepe you your word, O Duke, to giue your daughter!

¶ You yours, *Orlando*, to receiue his daughter! 20

¶ Keepe you your word, *Phebe*, that you'l marrie me,

Or else, refusing me, to wed this Shepheard!

¶ Keepe your word, *Siluius*, that you'l marrie her,  
If she refuse me! and from hence I go, 24

To make these doubts all euen. [*Exeunt Ros. and CELIA.*]

*Du. Sen.* I do remember, in this shepheard boy,  
Some liuely touches of my daughters fauour.

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25. *Exeunt . . .* Exit . . . F.

*As you like it.*

*Orl.* My Lord, the first time that I euer saw him, 28  
Me thought he was a brother to your daughter :  
But, my good Lord, this Boy is Forrest borne ;  
And hath bin tutor'd, in the rudiments  
Of many desperate studies, by his vnckle, 32  
Whom he reports to be a great Magitian,  
Obscur'd in the circle of this Forrest.

*Enter Clowne and AUDREY.*

*Iaq.* There is, sure, another flood toward, and these couples  
are comming to the Arke. Here comes a payre of verie  
strange beafts, which, in all tongues, are call'd Fooles. 37

*Clo.* Salutation and greeting to you all !

*Iaq.* Good my Lord, bid him welcome ! This is the Motley-  
minded Gentleman, that I haue so often met in the Forrest .  
he hath bin a Courtier, he sweares. 41

*Clo.* If any man doubt that, let him put mee to my pur-  
gation ! I haue trod a measure ; I haue flattred a Lady ;  
I haue bin politicke with my friend, smooth with mine  
emie ; I haue vndone three Tailors ; I haue had foure  
quarrels, and like to haue fought one. 46

*Iaq.* And how was that tane vp ?

*Clo.* 'Faith, we met, and found the quarrel was vpon the  
seuenth cause. 49

*Iaq.* How 'seuenth cause' ? ¶ Good my Lord, like this  
fellow !

*Du. Se.* I like him very well. 52

*Clo.* God'ild you, fir ! I desire you of the like. I presse  
in heere, fir, amongst the rest of the Country copulatiues, to  
sweare and to forswear ; according as mariage binds and  
blood breakes : a poore virgin, fir, an il-fauor'd thing, [56  
fir, but mine owne ; a poore humour of mine, fir, to take  
that that no man else will : rich honestie dwels like a miser,  
fir, in a poore house, as your Pearle in your foule oyfter.

*Du. Se.* By my faith, he is very swift, and sententious. 60

*Clo.* According to the 'fooles bolt,' fir, and such dulcet  
diseases.

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29. *daughter*] daught'r F.

34. *Enter . . .*] F (after l. 33).

*As you like it.*

*Iaq.* But, for the seventh cause! How did you finde the quarrell on the seventh cause? 64

*Clo.* Vpon a lye, seven times remoued: (¶ Beare your bodie more seeming, *Audry!*) ¶ as thus, fir. I did dislike the cut of a certaine Courtiers beard: he sent me word, if I said his beard was not cut well, hee was in the minde it was: [68 this is call'd the Retort Courteous. If I sent him word againe, 'it was not well cut,' he wold send me word, he cut it to please himselfe: this is call'd the Quip Modest. If againe, 'it was not well cut,' he disabled my iudgment: [72 this is called the Reply Churlish. If againe, 'it was not well cut,' he would answer, I spake not true: this is call'd the Reproofe Valiant. If againe, 'it was not well cut,' he wold say, I lie: this is call'd the Counter-checke Quarrellsome: and so to the Lye Circumstantiall, and the Lye Direct. 77

*Iaq.* And how oft did you say, his beard was not well cut?

*Clo.* I durst go no further then the Lye Circumstantiall, nor he durst not giue me the Lye Direct; and so wee measur'd swords, and parted. 81

*Iaq.* Can you nominate in order now, the degrees of the lye.

*Clo.* O fir, we quarrel 'in print,' by the booke; as you haue bookes for good manners: I will name you the [85 degrees. The first, the Retort Courteous; the second, the Quip Modest; the third, the Reply Churlish; the fourth, the Reproofe Valiant; the fift, the Counterchecke Quarrellsome; the sixt, the Lye with Circumstance; the seventh, the [89 Lye Direct. All these you may auoyd, but the Lye Direct; and you may auoide that too, with an 'If'. I knew when seven Iustices could not take vp a Quarrell, but when the parties were met themselves, one of them thought but of [93 an 'If'; as, 'If you saide so, then I saide so;' and they shooke hands, and swore brothers. Your 'If' is the onely peacemaker; much vertue in 'If'. 96

*Iaq.* Is not this a rare fellow, my Lord? He's as good at any thing, and yet a foole.

*Du. Se.* He vses his folly like a stalking-horse, and, vnder the presentation of that, he shoots his wit. 100

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77. so to the] F2. so ro F.



*As you like it.*

*Enter HYMEN, ROSALIND, and CELIA.*

*Still Musicke.*

Hymen. *Then is there mirth in heauen,  
When earthly things made eauen  
Attone together.* 109  
Good Duke, receiue thy daughter !  
Hymen from Heauen brought her,  
(Yea, brought her hether,) 100  
That thou mightst ioyn her hand with his,  
Whose heart within his bosome is. 108

Rof. [To DUKE.] To you I giue my selfe, for I am yours !  
[To ORL.] To you I giue my selfe, for I am yours !  
Du. Se. If there be truth in fight, you are my daughter !  
Orl. If there be truth in fight, you are my *Rosalind* ! 112  
Phe. If fight & shape be true,  
Why, then, my loue, adieu ! 114  
Rof. [To DUKE.] Ile haue no Father, if you be not he :  
[To ORL.] Ile haue no Husband, if you be not he :  
[To PHE.] Nor ne're wed woman, if you be not shee. 117  
Hy. Peace, hoa ! I barre confusion :  
'Tis I must make conclusion  
Of these most strange euent : 120  
Here's eight that must take hands,  
To ioyn in *Hymens* bands,  
If truth holds true contents. 123  
[To ORL. and ROS.] You and you, no crosse shall part :  
[To ORL. and CEL.] You and you, are hart in hart : 125  
[To PHE.] You, to his loue must accord,  
Or haue a Woman to your Lord : 127  
[To CLO. and AUD.] You and you, are sure together,  
As the Winter to fowle Weather. 129  
Whiles a Wedlocke Hymne we sing,  
Feede your selues with questioning ; 131  
That reason, wonder may diminish  
How thus we met, and these things finish ! 133

107. *hir*] her F2. his F.

*As you like it.*

Song.

*Wedding is great Iunos crowne :* 134  
*O blessed bond of boord and bea i*  
*'Tis Hymen peoples euerie towne,*  
*High wedlock then be honored !* 137  
*Honor, high honor and renoune,*  
*To Hymen, God of euerie Towne !* 139

*Du. Se.* O my deere Neece, welcome thou art to me !  
¶ *Euen*, daughter, welcome, in no lesse degree ! 141  
*Phe. [to SIL.]* I wil not eate my word : now thou art mine ;  
Thy faith, my fancie to thee doth combine. 143

*Enter IAQUES DE BOYS, ORLANDOS Second Brother*

2. *Bro.* Let me haue audience for a word or two !  
I am the second sonne of old Sir Rowland,  
That bring these tidings to this faire assembly.  
*Duke Frederick*, hearing how that euerie day 147  
Men of great worth resorted to this Forrest,  
Addrest a mightie power ; which were on foote,  
In his owne conduct, purposely to take  
His brother heere, and put him to the sword : 151  
And to the skirts of this wilde Wood he came ;  
Where, meeting with an old Religious man,  
After some question with him, was conuerted,  
Both from his enterprize, and from the world ; 155  
His crowne bequeathing to his banish'd Brother,  
And all their Lands restor'd to them againe,  
That were with him exil'd. This to be true,  
I do engage my life.

*Du. Se.* Welcome, yong man ! 159  
Thou offer'it fairely to thy brothers wedding :  
To one, his lands with-held ; and to the other,  
A land it selfe at large, a potent Dukedome.  
First, in this Forrest, let vs do those ends 163  
That heere vvere well begun, and wel begot :  
And after, euery of this happie number  
That haue endur'd shrew'd daies and nights with vs,

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157. *them*] Rowe. him F.

164. *vvere*] vvete F.

[V. iv. 134-166.

*As you like it.*

Shal share the good of our return'd fortune, 167  
According to the measure of their states.  
Meane time, forget this new-falne dignitie,  
And fall into our Rusticke Reuelrie! 170  
¶ Play, Muficke! ¶ And you, Brides and Bride-groomes all,  
With measure heap'd in ioy, to'th Measures fall! 172  
*Iaq.* [to *IAQ. DE B.*] Sir, by your patience! If I heard  
you rightly,  
The Duke hath put on a Religious life,  
And throwne into neglect the pompous Court  
2. *Bro.* He hath. 176  
*Iaq.* To him will I: out of these conuertites,  
There is much matter to be heard, and learn'd.  
[*To DUKE*] You, to your former Honor, I bequeath;  
Your patience, and your vertue, well deserues it. 180  
[*To ORL.*] You, to a loue, that your true faith doth merit:  
[*To OLI.*] You, to your land, and loue, and great allies:  
[*To SIL.*] You, to a long, and well-deseru'd bed:  
[*To CLO.*] And you to wrangling; for thy louing voyage 184  
Is but for two moneths victuall'd. So, to your pleasures!  
I am for other, then for dancing meazures. 186  
*Du. Se.* Stay, *Iaques*, stay!  
*Iaq.* To see no pastime, I: what you would haue,  
He stay to know at your abandon'd caue. [*Exit.* 189  
*Du. Se.* Proceed, proceed! wee'l begin these rights,  
As we do trust they'l end, in true delights. [*A dance.* 191

*EPILOGUE.*

*Ref.* It is not the fashion to see the Ladie the Epilogue;  
but it is no more vnhandsome then to see the Lord the  
Prologue. If it be true, that 'good wine needs no bush,' 'tis  
true, that a good play needes no Epilogue: yet to good [195  
wine they do vse good bushes; and good playes proue the  
better by the helpe of good Epilogues. What a case am I in,  
then, that am neither a good Epilogue, nor cannot insinuate  
with you in the behalfe of a good play! I am not [199  
furnish'd like a Begger, therefore to begge will not become

167. *share*] share F.

191. *A dance.*] Exit. F.

V. iv. 167-200.]

*As you like it.*

mee. My way is, to coniure you; and Ile begin with the Women. I charge you (O women) for the loue you beare to men, to like as much of this Play as please<sup>1</sup> you! And [203 I charge you (O men) for the loue you beare to women, (as I perceiue by your simpring, none of you hates them,) that betweene you, and the women, the play may please! If I were a Woman, I would kisse as many of you as had [207 beards that pleas'd me, complexions that lik'd me, and breaths that I defi'de not: And, I am sure, as many as haue good beards, or good faces, or sweet breaths, will, for my kind offer, when I make curt'fie, bid me farewell! [*Exeunt.* 211

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211. *Exeunt.*] F2. Exit. F.

<sup>1</sup> *please* = may please.

*FINIS.*<sup>3</sup>



## NOTES.

- p. 8, I. ii. 91. '*Sport*'! of *what colour*? Celia ridicules Le Beus pronunciation of *sport* as *spot*.
- p. 23, II. iv. 35. *Wearing* = Wearying.
- p. 25, II. v. 16. *stanzo*. 'Tiercet: m. A Song of triple Stanzoes, or Stanzo of three verses.'—1611. Cotgrave.
- p. 26, II. v. 48. *Ducdame*. 'Welshman,' a correspondent of the *Pall Mall Gazette* (Sept. 5, 1883, p. 2), wrote: . . . 'when Amiens asks, "What's that *dugdame*?" the dramatist at once sets Jaques into the cunning of the scene, by replying, "'Tis a Greek invocation, to call fools into a circle." Now, in point of fact, Jaques was but verbally repeating the self-same invitation which in the song he was parodying had been twice given in the vernacular, "Come hither, come hither"—"An' if he will come to me." For the "Greek" rendering which accompanied it was good honest Welsh—as nearly as the Saxon tongue could frame it. Its exact Cambrian equivalent is, "Deuwch (gy) da mi," "Come with (or to) me." It is jargon no longer. In early times the Sasnach, no doubt, often heard this "challenge" ("Come if you dare") shouted to him by the Cymri from the hill-top or the embattled crag. Hence it was perpetuated in the mimic warfare of their children's games. So that, instead of being the "jargon" it has been assumed to be, it had a distinct historic *raison d'être*.'

The *Pall Mall Gazette* for Sept. 10, 1883, p. 3, has the following communication from Professor Dowden: 'Among conjectures as to *dugdame*, I should be glad to let a conjecture of my own take its chance. Jaques has all day avoided the Duke; Amiens tells him the Duke is coming to drink under this tree, but he is "too disputable" for Jaques's company. Jaques's song ridicules the folly of the Duke's followers in Arden. What is the Folio's *dugdame* but the French *duc damné*, damned duke? It is "an invocation to call fools into a circle," because the Duke has gathered his followers around him in Arden, and presently they will encircle this tree. It is a "Greek invocation" because it is not Greek, nor Welsh either, but French, the speech of Arden. Jaques will sleep if he can; if he cannot, he will rail at the "first-born of Egypt." Why first-born? Because duke senior, the elder brother, is at present the object of Jaques's spleen.'

## Notes.

- p. 29, II. vii. 55. *Seême senselesse of the bob.* Theobald supplied *Not to before seem.* Dyce (Collier MS.) read *But to seem.* Dr. Ingleby thus explains ll. 53-57: 'Why does a fool do *wisely* in hitting a wise man? Because, through the vantage of his folly, he puts the wise man "in a straight betwixt two": to put up with the smart of the bob, without dissembling, and the consequential awkwardness of having to do so—which makes him feel foolish enough—or, to put up with the smart, and dissemble it, which entails the secondary awkwardness of the dissimulation—which makes him feel still more foolish. Taking the former alternative, *i. e.* "If not" ("If *he* do not"), his "folly is anatomized even by the squandering glances of the fool"; taking the latter alternative, he makes a fool of himself in the eyes of almost everybody else. So the fool gets the advantage both ways.'—*Shakespeare Hermeneutics*, 1875, pp. 81, 82. We understand Jaques to mean that a wise man, being (wisely, *i. e.* cleverly) hit, must (really like a fool) pretend it is no hit at all, but turn it off as a joke; otherwise, his folly would be at once apparent to all onlookers: the Fool would have made a fool of him. From 'And why' to 'bob' might be left out, so far as the argument is concerned. The wise man's object is to prevent his folly being made apparent to every one by the Fool. He therefore must laugh (and is thus a fool) when the Fool (then a wise man) does hit his folly.
- p. 39, III. ii. 186. *a South-sea of discoverie.* For of Warburton read off, *i. e.* from. But Rosalind compares the multitude of questions which Celia must answer to the vast South Sea, that offers the widest range of discovery to explorers.
- p. 55, IV. i. 29. We follow F2 in placing Jaques's exit here, believing, with Mr. Grant White, that Jaques flies the inevitable lovers' talk; and Rosalind mocks him till he is out of sight, pretending the while not to see Orlando, whose delay has piqued her.
- p. 73, V. iv. 4. *As those that feare they hope, and know they feare.* That is: as those to whom fear suggests that they have nothing but hope to rely on, while they have distinct and abiding consciousness of fear.

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